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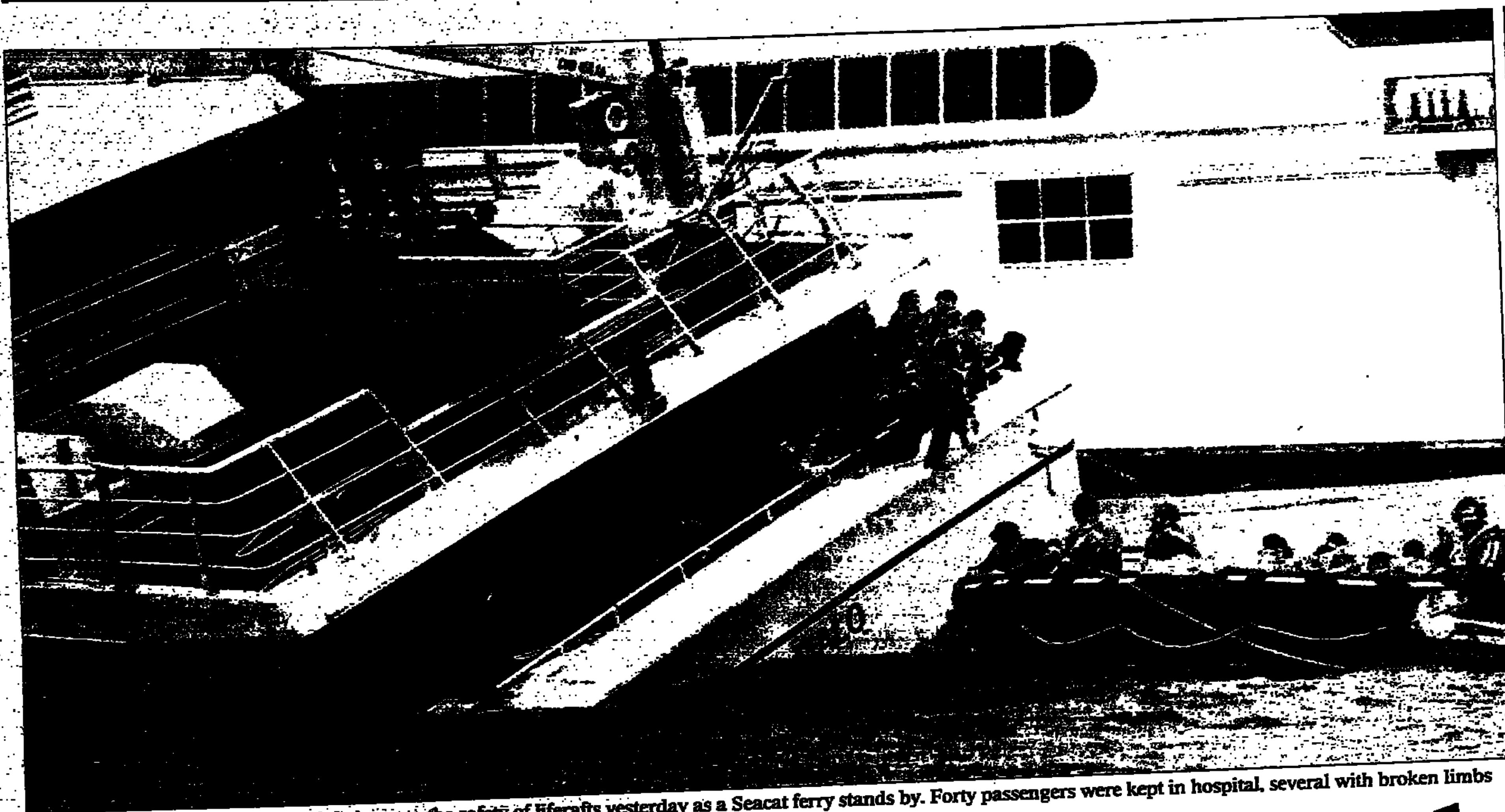

Passengers from the listing *St. Malo* jump to the safety of liferafts yesterday as a Seacat ferry stands by. Forty passengers were kept in hospital, several with broken limbs

300 saved as ferry hits rock

BY ANDREW PIERCE

MARINE safety inspectors in France and Jersey [illegible] two inquiries [illegible] 300 passengers [illegible] catamaran ferry were forced to jump for their lives into rafts when the vessel began taking on water a few hundred yards off the Jersey coast.

The *St. Malo*, which sails between Brittany and the Channel Islands and is operated by the French company Channiland, sent out a mayday message at 10am after being holed on rocks and in danger of sinking. The local lifeboat, ferries and other boats sped to the scene to help pick up passengers and just over an hour later all on board were reported safe.

Most of the passengers were transferred to a second ferry, the *Pegasus*, while most of the crew remained on board the [illegible] salvage operations [illegible].

Still shaken by their ordeal, those rescued from the catamaran last night told how they were forced to leap 15ft over the side to safety into liferafts after the boat struck a rock in Jersey's most dangerous waters.

Mary Gavin, 27, from Co Kerry, said: "No one told us what was happening. I'm amazed there wasn't a panic. I was sitting right by the window. There was a loud bang, and we felt a judder. The boat went over on one side. It listed badly. Water came up above the window level. It was terrifying."

Dozens of people were injured in the dramatic rescue operation half a mile off the Jersey coast at Corbière Point lighthouse. The 300 passengers, many of them pensioners, sheltered in the inflatable rafts beside a Seacat ferry which had responded to the mayday call, until they were picked up by rescue vessels.

Passengers leap for their lives after short cut

Helicopters lifted the most badly injured, some of whom had broken legs and arms, to hospital. The master of the *St Malo*, a £6.5 million Norwegian-built catamaran, faces possible criminal charges in France. Philippe Peneau had joined Channiland only two weeks ago after being recruited from a rival French ferry company.

The *St. Malo*, which is regarded as the pride of the Channel Island fleet, set off from St Helier at 9.40am bound for Sark and Guernsey. The catamaran sailed through the notoriously difficult "boat passage", a 300-yard wide stretch of water. On either side are two granite rock formations a few hundred yards from Corbière Point lighthouse on the southwest tip of the island. Only experienced pilots use the route, because of the dangers posed by the jagged rocks. At low tide it is impossible to sail through. At high tide, which it was yesterday, it can be navigated with care but only by skippers with good local knowledge.

The boat passage saves five minutes on the hour-long journey to Sark and Guernsey and also gives passengers a spectacular view of the lighthouse and the rock formations.

Captain Roy Bullen, the St Helier harbour master, at a specially convened press conference at St Helier, said: "It is not the most usual route. She passed between the Corbière lighthouse and the shore, which is only accessible in high waters. The passage can only be negotiated by experienced pilots who have done it before. She struck a rock. She was not on the correct course if she struck a rock.

"We can only speculate as to what happened, but we expect what went wrong to be revealed at the end of our inquiry. We will make the result public. One option will be to close the passage to all maritime traffic."

The Jersey port authorities announced last night that they would be setting up an inquiry which could lead to M Peneau having his pilot's licence revoked. Britain's marine accident investigation unit will also take part.

French marine authorities

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Our Man in Madrid is told off for backing the Canadians

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

IN A remarkable rebuke from one ally to another, the British Ambassador to Spain was summoned to the Foreign Ministry in Madrid yesterday for a dressing down over Whitehall's support for Canada in the transatlantic fishing war.

David Brighty, Her Majesty's Ambassador, was called from his residence opposite the ugly glass and concrete British Embassy in Madrid's Puerta del Hierro, to the Spanish Foreign Ministry housed in the magnificent Palacio de Santa Cruz in the Plaza Mayor. There he was told by Carlos Westendorp, minister responsible for EU affairs, of Spain's "displeasure" at Britain's attitude "from the beginning of the dispute to the very end."

It is unusual for one EU country to summon representatives from another in this way. The novelty value is not likely to have been lost on Mr Brighty — who used to be Our Man in Havana and is likely to be more accustomed to Cold War carpetings than flak from friends.

Javier Solana, the Foreign Minister, was not there to deliver the rebuke. But before leaving for New York, where he will take part in negotiations to renew the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, Señor Solana spoke sombrely about the "subtle equilibrium" of the EU, saying that when a member broke this, "it has serious consequences".

Any consequences were being played down in London, where a government spokesman said: "These meetings always get caricaturised as 'summoned'. This was not 10 minutes and then a storming out. We went there to explain our position, which is that we wanted to see a negotiated settlement."

The dispute flared last month when Canada seized a Spanish fishing boat in international waters and demanded a new agreement for Greenland halibut aimed at conserving stocks. Spain filed a complaint with the International Court of Justice in The Hague and despite the weekend agreement is not withdrawing it.

Britain and Ireland sided with Canada in the dispute, which ended with an agreement which Spanish fishermen's leaders say will cut Spain's catch by 80 per cent and double Canada's. Thousands of jobs are expected to be lost in the Galician fishing industry. Manuel Fraga, the Galician leader, yesterday wrote to the British and Irish Ambassadors expressing surprise and disgust at their failure to support Spain.

The twice-married British Ambassador, 56, would normally have to cope with tensions between Britain and Spain over Gibraltar and the occasional lager louts on the costas. He has experienced some protocol hitches in Madrid, observers said, because he is divorced and has no escort for official functions.

Brighty: told of Spanish displeasure

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Rain, wind and sleet keeps Britain at home

BY TIM JONES

DESERTED beaches, clear roads and abandoned barbecues marked a return to traditional Bank Holiday weather yesterday as the Easter weekend ended in cold winds and rain.

Many travellers headed home early as the recent unseasonal weather ended. The AA said some roads were busy last night but the usual rush failed to materialise. The London Weather Centre said rain was likely to continue over the next few days with temperatures around the 10C "average" for the time of year.

There was snow and sleet in parts of Scotland during the day while a cold Atlantic front made temperatures drop throughout the country.

South coast beaches, which recently enjoyed temperatures of up to 20C, were deserted as many who had set out in sunshine returned home to grey skies and drizzle.

Leisure parks also reported a quiet Bank Holiday. Alton Towers in Staffordshire said that there had been a steady stream of visitors, while at Thorpe Park, Surrey, the turnout of 10,000 was described as "a little disappointing". Alan Randall, the head of marketing, said: "What had looked like a record Bank Holiday turned out to be just a very good one."

A 55-year-old man died after being swept overboard from a chartered fishing boat off Portland Bill, Dorset. The man was hauled back on board but did not regain consciousness and was certified dead after being flown to hospital by the Portland naval rescue helicopter.

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Strike threat teachers lose 'rainbow coalition' support

BY JOHN O'LEARY AND BEN PRESTON

PARENTS and governors yesterday warned that increasingly militant teachers would forfeit their support if campaigns over class sizes led to industrial action in schools.

The so-called "rainbow coalition" of parents and teachers opposing cuts in school budgets began to evaporate as the unions considered different forms of action ranging from one-day strikes to sending children home if a class had too many pupils.

Governors said they could not support strikes, while a parents' representative warned against removing individual children from large classes.

David Hart, the General Secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said his members would have no alternative but to remove children from large classes on a rota basis if classroom unions imposed a boycott. This would be the only way of "minimalising and sharing out the pain."

But Margaret Morrissey, the spokeswoman of the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations, said: "If a teacher did that to my child, I'd go berserk. How would they expect a parent to explain to their child why they were at school that day while their friends were not, or why they were sitting outside the head's study, where people would think they had done something wrong?."

Scenes of militancy at the National Union of Teachers' conference in Blackpool have placed increasing strains on the fledgling alliance. The left's domination of the conference continued yesterday, with a move to reimpose a boycott of national curriculum tests. A final decision on the tests was postponed until today, but the three main classroom unions' campaigns on "oversized" classes were already causing concern. The National Union of Teachers is likely to back a call for a national one-day strike to supplement local action, while

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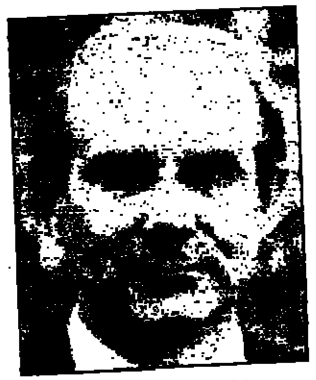

Hart: remove children from class on rota basis

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Wealth gap destroys 'classless US' image

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE GAP between rich and poor in the United States is greater than in any other industrialised country, including Britain, according to new research, which undermines America's mythical self-image as an egalitarian "classless society".

Since 1978 the rich in America have grown richer and the poor have become poorer while inequality of wealth in Britain has levelled off, according to a report in yesterday's *New York Times*.

In 1989, the richest 1 per cent of American households, worth at least $2.3 million (£1.4 million) each, owned nearly 40 per cent of the nation's wealth, while the most affluent 1 per cent in Britain owned just 18 per cent of the country's assets. This is a marked change from the early 1920s, when Britain's richest 1 per cent retained nearly 60 per cent of the national wealth.

Edward Wolff, a New York University professor and the author of two studies, told the newspaper: "We are the most unequal industrialised country in terms of income and wealth, and we're growing more unequal faster."

Lower down the economic scale, the poorest 20 per cent of Americans earn a mere 5.7 per cent of the country's after-tax income. Economists say that wealth polarisation is the result of many factors, such as decreasing labour wages due to automation, the decline of trade unions, low tax rates on the wealthy under Republican administrations and the rise of the stock market.

The studies are likely to add fuel to the fierce debate in Congress over the Republican *Contract With America*, which envisages tax cuts and a reduction in welfare payments. Opponents say this will accelerate the trend towards a society radically divided between the very rich and very poor. "It tilts the political system towards those who have more resources," Margaret Weir, of the Brookings Institution, was quoted as saying.

Although economists blame Reaganite economic policies, the trend towards greater inequality of wealth has continued. As the economy expanded during 1993, the richest two-fifths of Americans saw incomes rise while the rest suffered a drop, according to the US Census Bureau.

Britain has been derided as a class-ridden society riven by divisions between rich and poor, but that view is undergoing revision. As *The New York Times* said: "Even class societies like Britain ... now have greater economic equality than the United States."

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Second largest teachers' union rules out strike

By Ben Preston
Education Correspondent

Gunn: investment call

LEADERS of the second largest teaching union yesterday agreed a strategy of industrial action against large classes that aims to avoid strikes.

The plan, approved by the executive of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers on the opening day of its annual conference in Eastbourne, is designed not to antagonise parents and governors and to minimise the risk of teachers' pay being docked. Teachers who judge their classes to be unreasonably big would, under the strategy, be advised to send some pupils to be "babysat" by their head teacher and continue taking lessons as normal for the remainder.

The proposal is expected to be adopted by representatives of the 150,000-strong union tomorrow in preference to a grass-roots motion calling for action against classes exceeding 30 pupils. Members of the union, which prides itself on pragmatism and self-discipline, are angry at the Government's refusal to fund fully the profession's 2.7 per cent pay increase and the threatened 14,000 redundancies. But they are expected to listen politely to Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, who addresses the conference today.

Nigel de Gruchy, the union's general secretary, said that strike action was a distant prospect that members would contemplate only as a last resort. He said: "We want to stay at work. The last thing we want to do is go on strike, and last of all a national strike, which we are advised would be legally difficult." He said that teachers in each school would decide when to start and how to graduate actions. Some would be able to resolve problems over larger classes by persuading head teachers and governors to make suitable management decisions. Others would decide what class size was reasonable — a number that would vary between primary and secondary schools, and different subjects — and send any surplus pupils to be looked after by head teachers, classroom auxiliaries or supervisors.

Emphasising the need for care, Mr de Gruchy said some pupils might need to be sent home but insisted they would not be put out on the streets. He expressed hope that, with the support of head teachers and governors and possibly even parents, the union's strategy might allow teachers to avoid being found in breach of contract and having their pay docked.

In a side swipe at union rivals, Mr de Gruchy said NASUWT had spent months preparing plans for the most difficult industrial action it had ever taken: "We are going in with great caution and without leaping around the stage as our colleagues have been doing at Blackpool."

He said that if the plan was approved by conference, members would be balloted early next term to authorise industrial action. Representatives at school level would receive training within a month. Mr de Gruchy predicted "a few walkouts and practice runs" during the summer before the action began to bite at the start of the new academic year in September. The issue of class size will dominate the conference this week, overshadowing an executive-supported call for a maximum 35-hour week for teachers.

Olwyn Gunn, the union's new president, a head teacher at Hesleden, Co Durham, called for government investment in the establishment of nationally agreed limits to class sizes. She dismissed ministerial claims that there was no link between class size and pupil performance as "every study on why parents choose independent schools has class size near the top of the list".

School action threat

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members of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers are to vote on a boycott of classes with more than 31 pupils. Leaders of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, whose conference opened yesterday, will put forward a strategy today designed to avoid alienating parents with strikes. Teachers would decide when to escalate industrial action against large classes.

Under the union executive's proposal, there would be local decisions on what class size was reasonable, and pupils above that number would be supervised elsewhere in the school while normal teaching continued. Nigel de Gruchy, the general secretary, said: "This is sensible, sustainable action in order to overcome what is becoming a very serious problem. He predicted that the union had a "sporting chance" of winning parents' support. In an apparent reference to the NUT's stance, he said there was no interest in joining a mass campaign against the Government.

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, who is speaking at the NASUWT conference in Eastbourne today, has urged teachers to think long and hard before voting for a campaign which would damage their professionalism.

Simon Goodenough, the chairman of the National Governors Council, said neither parents nor governors would support action which resulted in children being deprived of education.

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GREENPEACE

Anti-nuclear protesters climbing the security fence at Sellafield, Cumbria, yesterday. There were more than 60 arrests

Protesters storm nuclear sites

By Tim Jones

MORE than 60 people were arrested yesterday as Greenpeace campaigners breached security at the Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plant in Cumbria and blocked roads leading to the site.

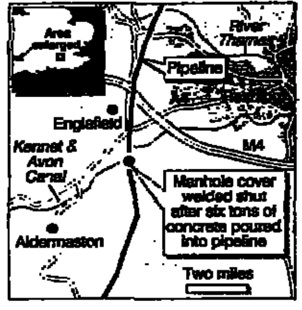
Other activists from the environmentalist group claimed to have cut off a pipe which they allege carries radioactive waste into the Thames from the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston, near Reading. The protests were timed to coincide with the opening day of the review in New York of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), whose terms Greenpeace alleges are being ignored by the Government.

As demonstrators at Sellafield diverted security staff by driving lorries to block the entrance and secured themselves to the road with steel "staples", others used metal-cutters to tear holes in the wire security fence. Once inside, some of them climbed on top of the Thorp reprocessing facility while others chained themselves to a railway line. Security staff and police chased and dragged demonstrators from the site. Greenpeace anchored its ship, the *Moby Dick*, close to the plant's discharge pipe which it claims pumps high levels of radioactive waste into the Irish Sea.

Stephanie Mills, a spokeswoman for the group, said: "We are taking action to do what the NPT has failed to do, to stop the production of nuclear weapons and plutonium."

At Aldermaston, as dawn was breaking, Greenpeace demonstrators used the Kennet and Avon canal to carry a concrete mixer and welding equipment to what they insist is an inspection cover for the discharge pipe from the plant.

After turning off the valve and pouring six tons of concrete on top of it, they welded



the manhole cover before leaving.

Ms Mills said: "Instead of getting rid of nuclear weapons, Aldermaston is increasing production of warheads for the new Trident submarines, and Sellafield is one of the world's biggest suppliers of plutonium."

Other protesters tried without success to parachute into Aldermaston.

A spokesman for British Nuclear Fuels, which runs Sellafield, said: "We are totally committed to non-proliferation and Thorp complies with all the agree international safeguards.

"Thorp is a civil reprocessing plant and the uranium and plutonium recovered from its operations are a valuable energy source. Indeed, a plant is under construction at Sellafield to turn that material into new fuel for civil reactors around the world."

However, Greenpeace insists that its construction will turn Sellafield into "the world's nuclear dump".

Janet Convery, of Greenpeace, said that the point of the action was to prevent the Government from continuing to manufacture nuclear weapons and polluting the environment. She said that some of the demonstrators had come from as far afield as New Zealand and South Korea.

A spokeswoman for the Ministry of Defence refused to say whether the demonstration had had any effect on Aldermaston.

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Five hurt as pet pit bull runs amok

Five people were injured when a pit bull terrier ran amok in a house at Plaistow, east London. The victims, including the owner, were taken to hospital with bite wounds and scratches after the dog turned on them.

The five managed to force the dog into the garden, where it was captured by *specialist police dog* handlers. The animal, which is registered and is currently being kept in kennels, is to be destroyed at its owner's request later this week.

The incident at the weekend *followed an* attack by a neighbour's pit bull on a woman in Clapton, east London, on Good Friday. She was bitten on the hand.

Danish 999

An emergency 999 operator in Dudley helped to save the life of a man in Denmark after receiving a call from a relative in England. The family's relative had telephoned from Copenhagen in a panic because she did not know who to contact. Colleagues in Denmark were alerted and treated the man for a drugs overdose.

Mud rescue

A policeman, his alsatian tracker dog and a burglar were rescued by helicopter yesterday after becoming stranded in mud near Camborne, Cornwall. The officer, Kevin Quick, chased the burglar and handcuffed him, but they began to sink during a struggle. He called for help on his radio. A Royal Navy helicopter was alerted.

Mandela chosen

Nelson Mandela has been shortlisted for the $25,000 AT&T award for non-fiction for his autobiography *Long Walk To Freedom*. The other nominees are: Juliet Barker for *The Brontes*; Mark Hudson for *Coming Back To Brockens: A Year In A Mining Village*; and Humphrey Burton for his biography of Leonard Bernstein.

Bush trap

A police helicopter airlifted John Simpson, 16, to hospital after he slipped and became wedged in a giant rhododendron bush with a dislocated knee at an activity centre in East Grinstead, West Sussex. It took three hours and a chainsaw to free John, from Bexhill, who was last night recovering in Eastbourne District General Hospital.

Hindley injury

Myra Hindley, the moors murderer, was taken to hospital yesterday for an operation on the leg she broke on Friday during an exercise session at Durham jail. Hindley, 52, had screws fitted at Dryburn Hospital to help her thigh bone to heal. She had been to the hospital to have the leg put in plaster after the accident.

Van death charge

A man appeared in court yesterday accused of the manslaughter of a seven-year-old boy who died when he and his family were hit by a removal van in Barnstaple, Devon. Tony Cain, 34, of Barnstaple, is accused of the unlawful killing of David Powell. He was remanded in *custody until* Friday by the town's magistrates.

Men join the club

The All Saints Mothers' Union at Lightwater, Surrey, has relaxed its "women only" rule after 60 years to admit two men, Frank Sitwell and Alan Robb. Mr Robb, 63, said: "I do the cooking and ironing at home so joining the Mothers' Union is really only the next step. My first duty will be running the cream tea stall."

Changes to child support rules from 18 April 1995.

The Child Support Agency has recently written to all its clients who have had maintenance assessed to tell them about the changes the Government has introduced.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

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Battle over ID cards poses fresh threat to party unity

By Arthur Leathley, Political Correspondent

CONSERVATIVE divisions over compulsory identity cards are threatening to undermine John Major's attempts to unite his party behind its local election campaign.

As Tory strategists battle to avoid devastating losses in next month's local elections, MPs deprived of the party whip will open a campaign today to press ministers to drop proposals for compulsory ID cards. The opposition from the whipless MPs will reflect Cabinet divisions over the introduction of cards which some senior ministers oppose on financial or libertarian grounds. Right-wing Cabinet ministers have backed Peter Lilley's fears that a national scheme might detract from his proposals to draw up a partial programme of identity cards for those claiming welfare benefits. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, is reported to have voiced concern at the estimated £500 million start-up cost and £100 million annual running costs of a compulsory scheme.

The call by the whipless MPs to halt the plan comes shortly before the Government's consultation paper setting out the options. The MPs are anxious to pre-empt the Government's green paper, which may be published before the May 4 elections.

The Government is facing losses of more than 1,000 council seats in the elections and is anxious to signal that it has not run out of ideas. While the ID card issue will spark heated discussion within the party, senior Conservatives believe that unveiling proposals before the council elections may help to woo disaffected Tory voters.

However, following this month's poor showing by Conservative candidates in Scottish local elections, John Major and senior Cabinet colleagues emphasised that unity was the key to turning the party's electoral fortunes.

Although the green paper will lay down options for voluntary schemes, the inclusion of proposals for compulsory cards is likely to be warmly received by Conservative rank-and-file members. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, was jeered at last year's Tory party conference when he floated the idea of a voluntary scheme.

Ministers will emphasise that the green paper is only the first step in a wide-ranging consultation exercise.

Fewer Tories stand for local elections

A FALL in the number of Tory candidates in next month's local elections was seized upon by Labour yesterday as evidence that the party was "throwing in the towel" (Arthur Leathley writes).

Labour, which will launch its election campaign this week, claimed that 800 fewer Tories were standing for election than in the last similar poll in 1991. Frank Dobson, the Shadow Environment Secretary, said that, by fielding some 1,600 candidates more than the Conservatives, Labour was emphasising the demoralised state of the Government.

In the last similar elections, Labour and the Conservatives fielded almost the same number of candidates. Labour says that this time it has 9,445 candidates while the Conservatives have only 7,846.

Senior Conservatives say that the party's historic weakness in Wales means that it will inevitably have fewer candidates. Strategists claim big advantages over Labour and the Liberal Democrats from being the first to start campaigning two weeks ago.

Wainwright memorial plan abandoned

By Kate Alderson

SUPPORTERS of Alfred Wainwright, the Lakeland walker and writer, have abandoned their campaign for an outdoor memorial to him after being "rebuffed by bureaucrats".

Wainwright will not be celebrated along any of the walkways he made popular through his guides and maps. The Alfred Wainwright Memorial Trust, set up by his wife Betty, supporters and friends, has now been disbanded after planners refused to grant permission for a memorial, an engraved boulder.

Bernard Oakley, 83, secretary of the trust, which existed only to honour Wainwright's name with a memorial, said: "No one has done more for the Lake District than Alfred Wainwright or Wordsworth," he said. "We were confident when we set out, but the planners put a stop to that."

Mr Oakley said Mrs Wainwright, who lives in Kendal, was "disappointed and tired of the whole carry on".

Wainwright's 47 guides have sold worldwide. His first guide was published in the Fifties and the last in 1987. The trust was formed after he died, aged 84, in 1991, and campaigned to erect a memorial at Orrest Head near Windermere. The Lake District Special Planning Board threw out the application last September, claiming the site was unsuitable. Rachel Nutman, planning officer, said: "Orrest Head is a beauty spot and already has a couple of seats and viewfinders. We can not allow areas of natural beauty to be covered in clutter."

Wainwright: no memorial

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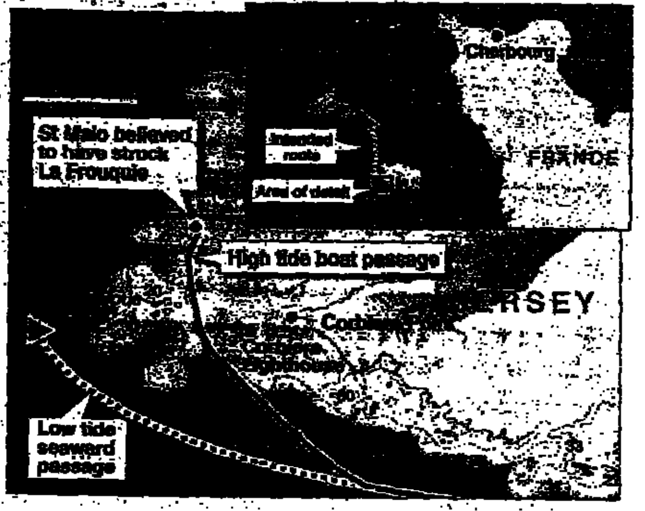
'The boat shuddered and groaned ... We were terrified. We thought we were going under'

Ferry survivors describe scenes of fear and chaos

BY ANDREW PIERCE



RESCUED passengers from the *St. Malo* recounted scenes of chaos after the catamaran began taking on water.

Mike Owen, 32, a Guernsey schoolteacher, who was travelling with his girlfriend Eleanor McLean, 26, said: "For the most part we were very good and stayed calm. But the company couriers seemed to disappear.

"The crew were good, when you saw them. We were at the back of the boat and water was pouring in. We were terrified. We *thought* we were going under. There was no advice from on high. The only warning was in French."

Karl Gottschalk, 46, from Germany, who was on the trip with his wife Krystal, 45, and their teenage son Christian, said *that* he feared they were going to die. "We had to *jump* 15ft for safety into the liferafts. You never thought about it — you just jumped and hoped for the best.

"I saw people break their bones in the fall. Some of them went *straight* into the sea. I was up to my knees in water in the boat, which was when I thought it was going to sink."

Steve Newsome, from London, said: "The boat listed so quickly. We heard a loud bang and then it was chaos. Some people were pulling on *lifejackets, others* just made for the liferafts and jumped. It was *madness*."

Babs Crecraft, 30, from Desborough, Northamptonshire, said: "One minute I was *staring out of the window*, the next there was a terrible bang. The boat shuddered and groaned. It listed alarmingly *quickly to the port side*. Everybody just ran for it."

Mark Moyon, 16, a Guernsey Grammar School pupil, was *returning from a school* skiing holiday in France on the *Emeraude* passenger ferry when it was diverted to Corbiere *Point for the rescue operation*. He said: "We berthed next door and tried to help people climb on board. It was dreadful. They were in a *state* of shock. Some people were crying. We literally *helped to* drag them up on board."

Captain Roy Bullen, the St Helier harbourmaster, said it *was fortunate that there* were so many other boats in the vicinity. "People were evacuated on to other vessels within 20 *minutes*. A casualty *unit* was set up at the hospital, the lifeboats were dispatched and other boats in the area were *radioed and asked to help. I* think it went smoothly."

He said that it would be unfair to comment on criti*cism of the boat's evacuation* procedures until the inquiry was completed. However, he said that the crew would have been *bilingual*: "I would be surprised if there were no instructions given in English."

David Turner, *from* St Helier, was fishing near Corbiere lighthouse when the accident happened. He said: "I saw her come round the lighthouse and *she seemed* very close to the land.

"She was hit on her port side and she dragged round and *started to sink straight away*. I thought she was going straight down and my heart missed a beat. Thank God she stabilised."

The fact that the ferry did not capsize or sink was being seen by marine experts as *evidence of the safety of catamarans*. Many believe that they could soon drive traditional passenger ferries off the *sea routes around Britain*.

"These catamarans are inherently more stable than conventional monohull ferries," *Marshall Meek*, past president of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects, said. "In this case one was quite severely *damaged* and people still had time to get off."

Unlike roll-on, roll-off ferries, such as the *Herald of Free Enterprise* and the *Estonia*, cars and passenger decks on most catamarans are in a separate central compartment above the water. *Bulkheads* divide their hulls into watertight compartments.

Inquiry launched, page 1

Abandoning ship: some passengers broke bones jumping into the liferafts

300 saved from ferry

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will hold a separate inquiry and, if M Peneau is held to be culpable, he could face proceedings in a criminal court.

A major disaster was averted by two crucial facts: the *design of the two-year-old boat* prevented it from keeling over and there was nearby a small fleet of passenger vessels.

These boats conducted the evacuation of the 100 Britons, 185 Germans, and 15 French passengers, and kept the casualty rate so low, according to the authorities.

Forty people were detained in hospital yesterday, many with broken limbs, their injuries sustained when they *jumped for safety*. There was no ladder on the boat to assist their descent.

Passengers told of chaotic scenes on board with only one warning relayed on the public address system after the rock had been struck. And that warning was only given in French.

M Peneau was highly experienced and had worked on Jersey ferries for several years. To qualify for his pilot's licence he had to have made a minimum of 52 visits to the island in a two-year period and a further 36 a year after that to retain it.

A salvage tug, with M Peneau on board, was bringing the catamaran into shore last night and it was planned to beach her in St Aubin's Bay in St Helier.

Divers were already at work to try to establish the extent of the damage.

Miss Ormsby Gore was engaged to Eric Clapton in 1969. They later split up

Harlech's sister dies alone in dingy bedsit

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

ALICE ORMSBY GORE, who has been found dead in a squalid bedsitter, *had rejected* wealth and position to live alone and anonymously in an area frequented by drug addicts and alcoholics.

Lord Harlech's 43-year-old sister, who was engaged to the rock guitarist Eric Clapton when she was 17, was known as Deirdre Stevenson to her neighbours in the dingy block in which she lived at *Boscombe*, a rundown district of Bournemouth, Dorset.

After her body was discovered by police on the floor of her flat on April 8, the same neighbours were astonished to discover she had left behind an 8,000-acre family estate in Shropshire and regular appearances in newspaper gossip columns.

Miss Ormsby Gore's death, believed to be related to drink or drugs, is another dark chapter in the history of a family that *has suffered one* suicide, three fatal car crashes and a series of financial difficulties over the past half century. *Her father, Lord Har*lech, the 5th baron, inherited the title after his brother died in a car crash. He himself *subsequently suffered fatal in*juries in a road accident in 1985.

The current Lord Harlech *became the 6th baron after his* elder brother, Julian, 33, who suffered from severe depression, shot himself in his *London flat. The first Lady* Harlech also died in a car crash. Lord Harlech was fined £1,400 for drink and firearms *offences in November* last year.

Miss Ormsby Gore was the subject of much newspaper *speculation in the late* 1960s when she became involved with Clapton. The couple *eventually split up and she* never married.

According to neighbours, she rarely left her groundfloor *room*. Nicola Jones, 31, who lives opposite, said she had been oblivious to Miss Ormsby *Gore's* background. "We all knew her as Deirdre Stevenson and called her Dee.

"I saw her occasionally walking across to the shops. Once I noticed her eyes were closed and she looked asleep ... She was shuffling along and was a pathetic sight. *She* always looked shabby and her flat was in a disgusting condition." She said she had heard *Miss Ormsby Gore* had been found "with a syringe stuck in her arm".

A post-mortem examination has been carried out and an inquest will be held.

Golf club chief was 'sacked unfairly by earl'

BY JOHN YOUNG

Sally-Jane Coode, left, dismissed by Lord Shelburne

THE Earl of Shelburne, former president of the Historic Houses Association and a close friend of the *Prince of Wales*, faces a *claim of unfair dismissal* on Thursday from the woman he appointed to run a multimillion-pound golf course *on his estate* at Bowood, Wiltshire.

Sally-Jane Coode, 51, who was dismissed as chief executive last June, is *taking her* case to an *industrial tribunal* in *Bristol*, at which she will also *claim* breach of contract.

Mrs Coode has an impressive business record and was extremely popular with club members and visitors. But Lord Shelburne confided a few months ago that she had not brought in as much business as he had hoped. *Mrs Coode*, a keen golfer who lives with her husband, Brian, near Bradford-on-Avon, said *yesterday* that her *dismissal* had been totally unexpected. "I think the club was seen as a success, and it came as a great shock when I was *told that* I was no longer wanted. I worked extremely hard to put Bowood on the map. Only Lord Shelburne seems to know why *I* was sacked," she said.

Mrs Coode, a former businesswoman of the year who ran a precision engineering company with an *annual* turnover *of* £1.5 million, is *now* working part-time as a management consultant.

Lord Shelburne, who was not available for comment yesterday, has made no secret of his financial difficulties in running the estate. As president of the HHA, he campaigned for *greater* tax *exemption* for owners of stately homes who established maintenance funds for their upkeep. In 1987 he took what he described as his "last *punt*" *to keep* his ancestral home in the family. He borrowed £5 million and instructed Robert Trent *Jones*, a leading *golf-course architect*, to turn part of the park, designed by Capability Brown, into a championship venue.

The course opened in 1992. *Lord* Shelburne told *The Times* last year: "We borrowed a great deal of money, but we are now comfortably into the safety zone, and *I* hope it will save Bowood for the future." His words, however, concealed the fact that, with membership fees of £1,000 a year, *the club had* failed *to* attract enough members.

Sylvie Guillem has a way of dancing around tradition.

Her suppleness is legendary. Her command over those incredibly long limbs means that every performance evokes gasps from audiences around the world.

However, Sylvie Guillem is the first to point out that the exceptionally lithe body with which she has been gifted is a blessing in disguise: "You must work on this gift so that it does not become a defect."

That is why she constantly strives to push her performances beyond technique pure and simple. "After that, you work on something else: how to express things. I want people to remember me as a dancer who tells a story with her body." In pursuit of this aim, Mlle. Guillem frequently finds herself in conflict with the traditions and rules of classical ballet.

"I have a way of being able to walk around tradition if it gets in my way."

Nevertheless, the classical form of her Rolex Oyster earns nothing but admiration.

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Notice the pose that Sylvie Guillem has chosen to adopt for her picture. Just like her Rolex, it combines elegance and balance with supreme technical ability. The photographer paused for a moment to enquire what this ballet position is called. With a smile, Mlle. Guillem replied: "Six o'clock. Precisely."

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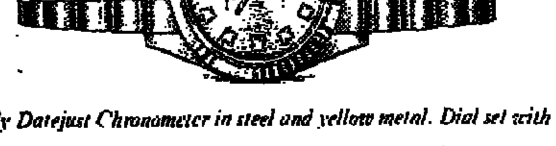

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Majority see mentally ill as axe-wielding maniacs

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Services Correspondent

PUBLIC fear of the mentally ill has risen as a result of the Government's policy of closing long-stay psychiatric institutions, according to a survey.

The image of mentally ill people as axe-wielding maniacs has grown in the public mind in response to well-publicised cases in which former hospital patients have committed violent crimes. A survey of public attitudes to the mentally ill shows that seven in ten believe that the closure programme has put the public at risk of violence.

Half of those questioned said that people with schizophrenia were more likely to commit violence than other people. A quarter thought that those with mental illness were loud and shouted or stared and three in ten thought they were aggressive.

The survey of 2,000 people, conducted by MORI for BBC Radio 4, comes as the Royal College of Psychiatrists launches a 1,000-signature petition today calling for an end to "stigmatising images of psychiatric illness". The college says such images have a damaging effect on psychologically distressed individuals and their families and makes it more difficult for them to seek help. Details of the MORI poll are to be presented by Michael Palin, the writer and actor, in a programme tonight to launch the BBC's mental health season, which runs till the end of the year.

Mr Palin, whose sister committed suicide nine years ago, says on the programme that there is no evidence that mentally ill people are more violent than the rest of us and they are more likely to harm themselves than other people. "Often people are wrongly labelled and we never take the time to find out what lies behind the labels. All it takes to make life better for them is a change in attitudes," he says.

The survey shows that people increasingly believe that employers have a responsibility for the mental health of their workers, up from 70 per cent in 1979 to 76 per cent in 1990 and 78 per cent in 1995. Interest has been fuelled by the case of John Walker, a social worker who was awarded £200,000 against Northumberland County Council for a nervous breakdown caused by pressure of work.

Mr Walker had two breakdowns and the judge ruled that while the first was not predictable, the council's decision to re-employ him after he recovered but not lighten his workload made it liable for the second.

However, the taboo of mental illness remains. The survey found only one in 20 thought people with a mental illness should be allowed a responsible job such as a doctor, nurse or police officer. However almost half thought the mentally ill were well qualified to be actors or comedians.

THE RISK OF HOSPITAL CLOSURES?

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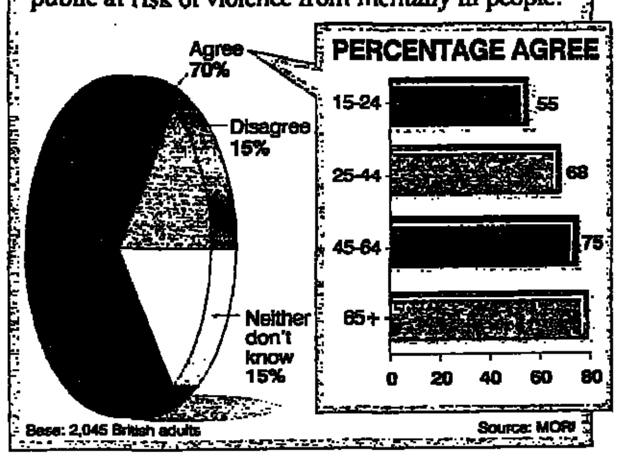

Base: 2,045 British adults Source: MORI

NEWS TEAM

Ellesmere Park's young footballers look forward to their coaching session with United's Eric Cantona, below

Cantona kicks off his penalty

THE *enfant terrible* of football begins a special coaching programme for young people today as part of his penalty for attacking a spectator. The Manchester United striker, Eric Cantona, supervised by a probation officer, will teach more than 700 children at his club's Salford training ground, The Cliff.

Among the first to benefit from his coaching will be children from the Ellesmere Park Junior Football Club in Manchester. Les Harris, the manager, said yesterday: "I couldn't believe it when I got the letter from the probation service telling us we would be the first in. This will be a great boost for us — we are being coached by the best."

Cantona was given the 120-hour order after successfully appealing against a two-week prison sentence for an attack on Matthew Simmons, a Crystal Palace supporter. The judge at Croydon Crown Court recommended that he be given work which made use of his skills and helped young people.

Cantona's pupils, aged between nine and 11, will have a two-hour session in groups of 12 with the French international and Premier League player.

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Belfast clash averted as marchers agree to alter route

By Nicholas Watt
Ireland Correspondent

UNIONISTS accused the Royal Ulster Constabulary yesterday of trampling on their civil rights after police in Belfast re-routed an Apprentice Boys parade to avoid a Roman Catholic area of the city.

The RUC said that serious confrontation was avoided after the Apprentice Boys accepted a re-routing notice banning them from marching along the nationalist Lower Ormeau Road in south Belfast.

The loyalists, who said they had marched on the road for 90 years, agreed to comply with the notice after meeting police. The marchers were bussed along the Lower Ormeau Road before rejoining the march on their way to the main parade in Ballymoney, Co Antrim.

Residents in the area, where the Ulster Freedom Fighters shot dead five Catholics at a betting shop in 1992, had protested about the route of the annual Easter Monday parade. Up to 200 protesters, some waving Sinn Fein banners, gathered on the Ormeau bridge, which marks the beginning of the nationalist area. Scores of police officers blocked the road.

Bill Stewart, the RUC's Assistant Chief Constable for Belfast, praised the parade organisers for preventing serious trouble. But Andrew Todd, chief marshal of the parade, accused Sinn Fein of bussing-in protesters.

Gerard Rice, of the nationalist Lower Ormeau Concerned Residents' Association, denied that the re-routing had been a political victory. "It is not a victory for one community over another community. It is a victory for common sense," he said.

Girl of 13 orphaned as crash kills five

By Kate Alderson

A GIRL aged 13 was the sole survivor of a car crash that killed her parents, her sister and two other people yesterday.

The head-on collision happened on the A629 bypass at Skipton, North Yorkshire, at 8.40am. The road was closed for three hours as emergency workers cut bodies from the wreckage.

Stephen Austin, 42, of Shipley, West Yorkshire, who was driving a Vauxhall Cavalier, died instantly with his daughter Sarah, 22, fellow passenger Deborah Jane Illingworth, 26, and the unnamed driver of the other car, a Vauxhall Nova, who is thought have been from Skipton.

Carol Ann Austin, 45, was pulled alive from the wreckage but died later at Airedale General Hospital in Keighley from massive injuries. Abigail Austin, 13, suffered serious injuries and underwent surgery last night at Leeds General Hospital.

The Austins were Jehovah's Witnesses. Miss Illingworth, who had no next of kin, was introduced to the family through the church and lived with them.

North Yorkshire Police appealed for witnesses. "We are not clear how the accident happened," Inspector John McCann said. "The only indication we have is that the Nova had crossed on to the offside of the road."

☐ Two married couples were among six people killed in a head-on car crash near Farranfore airport, Co Kerry. Three men and three women, who were travellers from Killarney, died instantly when their car was in collision with another vehicle shortly before 9.00pm on Sunday.

Library introduces Internet porn clause

By A Staff Reporter

COMPUTER users at the Lord Louis Library in Newport, Isle of Wight, which goes on-line today, are to be asked to sign an undertaking not to use the Internet for pornography.

"We don't want users viewing soft porn on the Internet in a public place like a library," George Chastney, the Isle of Wight council's *public affairs manager*, said. "If it is discovered they have broken their pledge, they will be banned for life."

The Internet is a worldwide network of computers, linked by telephone lines, along which vast amounts of information can be moved instantly. About 30 million people are believed to be connected to it. At today's Internet launch in Newport, Councillor Peggy Jarman will send a goodwill e-mail message to President Clinton.

The council is emphasising that, far from offering a licence for abuse, the Internet will provide small communities with access to a global communications network.

Last month the Government set up a committee of civil *servants to* monitor developments in the availability of computer pornography and to consider whether tougher legislation was needed. Mary Whitehouse, the veteran campaigner against pornography, met the Prime Minister last year to press for tighter controls.

Last year's Criminal Justice and *Public* Order Act included provisions to close loopholes in the law that had hindered prosecutions. Because of the huge expansion and internationalisation of electronic information networks, it is increasingly difficult to identify the culprits.

A central concern is over the ease of access offered to computer-literate young people. Lack of control over the Internet means that, whatever steps the Government may take in Britain, for example, determined users can access material produced in countries where there are no comparable obscenity laws.

In another disturbing development, children themselves are being exploited in the making of pornography.

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'They favour the cheap and tawdry. Masters of cinema are being thrown over for schlock'

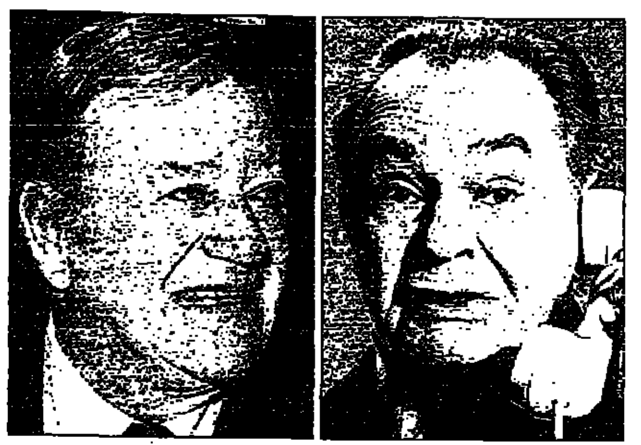
Film buffs accuse NFT of mediocrity and vulgarity

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

THE director of the British Film Institute has been accused of allowing "mediocrity and vulgarity" to dominate the National Film Theatre.

Wilf Stevenson is alleged to have allowed the balance between "trashy" films and serious cinema to be overturned, with seasons on homosexual themes and screenings of popular but relatively minor films eclipsing the classics.

This month's "appreciation of the contribution of lesbian and gay film-makers, actors and writers to cinema history" features sexually explicit films, including *No Skin Off My Ass*. Another programme included "experimental queer dyke films". February saw a season of Russ Meyer, whose films depict sexually voracious women. In contrast, critics say, the NFT has failed to present comprehensive seasons devoted to such legendary figures as Edward G. Robinson and John Wayne. David Shipman, the film historian, described the programming as "a disgrace to an institution which used to claim its purpose was to further the art of the film".


John Wayne and Edward G. Robinson: neglected

Trevor Willsmer, editor of *Movie Collector* magazine, says his research shows that film-lovers within and outside the organisation had voiced dissatisfaction. He claimed that members of staff "with a worldwide reputation" were being replaced by less qualified people.

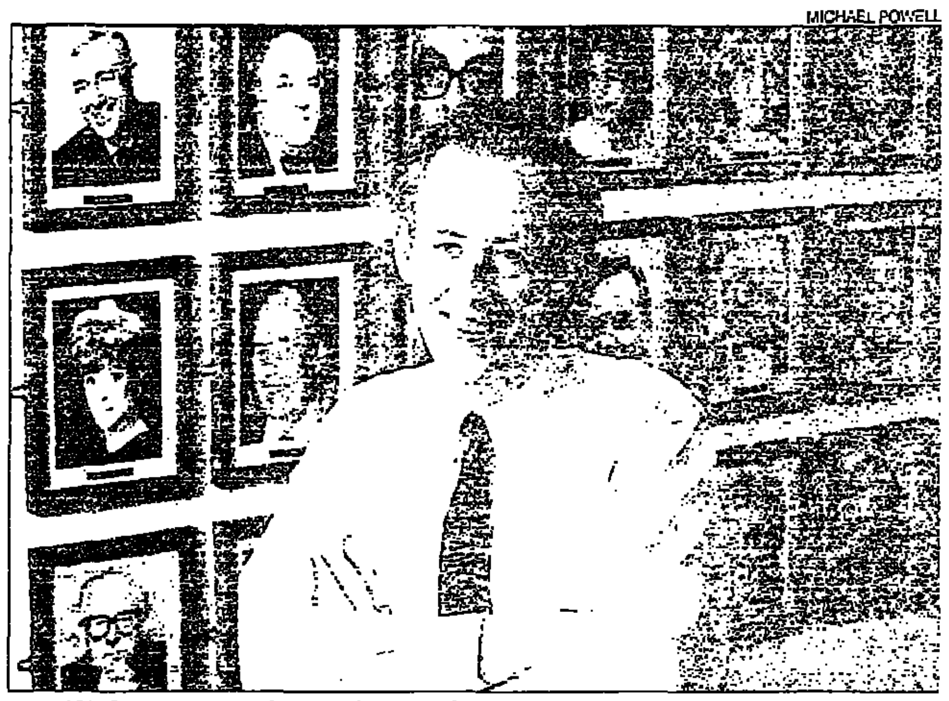
The BFI critics do not believe the NFT should be showing popular films, such as *Airplane!* or *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, that are often on television or have recently been on general release. They compare the NFT's role in sustaining the artistic heritage to that of the National Gallery.

Although the BFI argues that it can list hundreds of film greats in its monthly programmes, its critics lament that so many thematic seasons are no longer comprehensive: they cite the Anthony Perkins season which screened the best-known films — often on television anyway — while missing the opportunity to show the lesser-known.

Mr Shipman said: "They favour the cheap and tawdry. The NFT is not doing its job. Masters of world cinema are being thrown over for 'schlock'."

One source asked why as many as 24 members of the BFI staff were sent to the Cannes Film Festival last year; another asked why £250,000 was spent on buying a marquee that later collapsed in high winds, when one could have been hired. Mr Stevenson said the marquee had been constructed for £150,000, not £250,000, and that it had been on loan to Croydon council the night it blew down in 1993. The BFI, he insisted, would be reimbursed. But a spokeswoman for Croydon council said the value of the loss was disputed.

MICHAEL POWELL


Wilf Stevenson: criticised for allowing popular films to eclipse the classics

Last November the BFI'S grant was cut by £600,000, and Mr Stevenson gave warning that it could mean the loss of historic material and a reduction in all activities. The BFI oversees the National Film Theatre, the London Film Festival and the Museum of the Moving Image. Its production division produces and co-invests in films.

Mr Stevenson said that when he joined the BFI in 1988, audiences had been declining for ten years but had risen in the past year. He did, however, acknowledge that some of the regulars were being alienated and said that the policy would be reviewed. There are those who appreciate the director's attempts to cultivate a new, younger audience. With television and videos showing the classics, they applaud a director who thinks of the box office and copes with a severe cut in funding.

Jeremy Thomas, chairman of the BFI and a film producer, said that if the NFT was not threatened with closure, it would "maybe programme differently".

Denning rejects park on his land

LORD DENNING of Whitchurch, the former Master of the Rolls, has turned down an appeal from his local council to allow part of his garden to be used as a children's park.

"I don't want a public park in my back garden where everyone can go," he said yesterday. "I have got the best garden in the whole of England. It will be kept in private hands."

He said there were swans and young ducklings by the river. "If it was open to the public tins and cans would be thrown in. I am protecting rural England here as it has been kept for the last 150 years," he said.

Lord Denning, 96, said Whitchurch Town Council, Hampshire, had asked for more than two acres of his five acre garden as part of the Millennium celebrations. He was told that £10,000 would be spent on providing slides and other facilities for children.

"That would be a considerable slice of my land and it would also severely affect the value of my home," Lord Denning said.

Relatives renew feud between Nile explorers

By Alan Hamilton

ONE of the great rivalries of Victorian exploration has been rekindled over the wording on a memorial plaque to be put up in Kensington Gardens.

Descendants of John Hanning Speke, who confirmed the source of the Nile in 1862, were delighted to learn that his plain granite obelisk, put up in 1866, was to be adorned with a more informative inscription, marking his achievement. But then they discovered that the proposed wording shared the Nile honours between Speke and his arch-rival, Sir Richard Burton.

The two travelled to Africa together in 1857 and discovered Lake Tanganyika, which Burton believed to be the source of the Nile. Speke returned later with James Grant, and proved in 1862 that the source was in fact Lake Victoria. The Spekes and the Burtons have barely spoken to each other since.

Peter Speke, the explorer's great-great-nephew, has complained to the Friends of Kensington Gardens, the voluntary body which wants to erect the plaque. "The present Speke family feel that the explorer himself would not have wished Burton's name to be added to his memorial," Mr Speke wrote, adding that the two men never liked each other. He might have added that the absence of information on the obelisk for the past 129 years stems from the determination of earlier Spekes to ensure that Burton received no credit.

Spekes around the world have joined the protest. Phyllis Speak Danner, of Colorado, a distant relative, said it was a dishonest proposal. "Not only did Burton not accompany Speke in his discovery, he refused even to acknowledge it, and then actively disputed it."

Barbara Abensur, chairman of the Friends of Kensington Gardens, has been taken aback by the fuss. "We set off with the best of intentions: we only wanted to give park users more information. The text has been through a number of drafts, and we have consulted closely with the Royal Geographical Society."

The Friends intend to unveil the plaque as planned on May 4. There has, however, been a last-minute alteration to the wording, which originally read that Speke was the first European "in conjunction with Richard Burton" to discover the source of the Nile. Now it reads that he was the first European "while on an expedition with Richard Burton" to discover Lake Victoria.

Nurse who caught Aids in Africa dies

By a Staff Reporter

A BRITISH nurse who contracted Aids in a freak accident while working at a mission hospital in Africa has died shortly before her 45th birthday.

Joy Bath became HIV positive after joining the staff at the Elim Hospital in Nyunga, Zimbabwe, where one in three patients is infected with the virus. In a "million-to-one" accident, Miss Bath, who was wearing sandals, stubbed her toe and cut herself entering the operating theatre. Miss Bath — who had never had a boyfriend — said later: "I saw a poster once that said, 'No one ever got Aids through caring'. I know what the message meant, but in my case I'm afraid it's not true."

Joy Bath: freak accident

Last night her father Victor, 78, said: "She had suffered for so long there is now a great sense of release." Mr Bath, from Salisbury, Wiltshire, added: "We will obviously miss her terribly but we know she is at peace." He said that conditions at the hospital where his daughter worked were "appalling" and that she had regularly handled Aids-contaminated blood. "The operating theatre and delivery room where she worked for ten years were awash with blood," he said.

Shortly before she died, Miss Bath said: "I knew the risks. I'd do it again. I'm grateful for all the time I've been able to spend helping other people."

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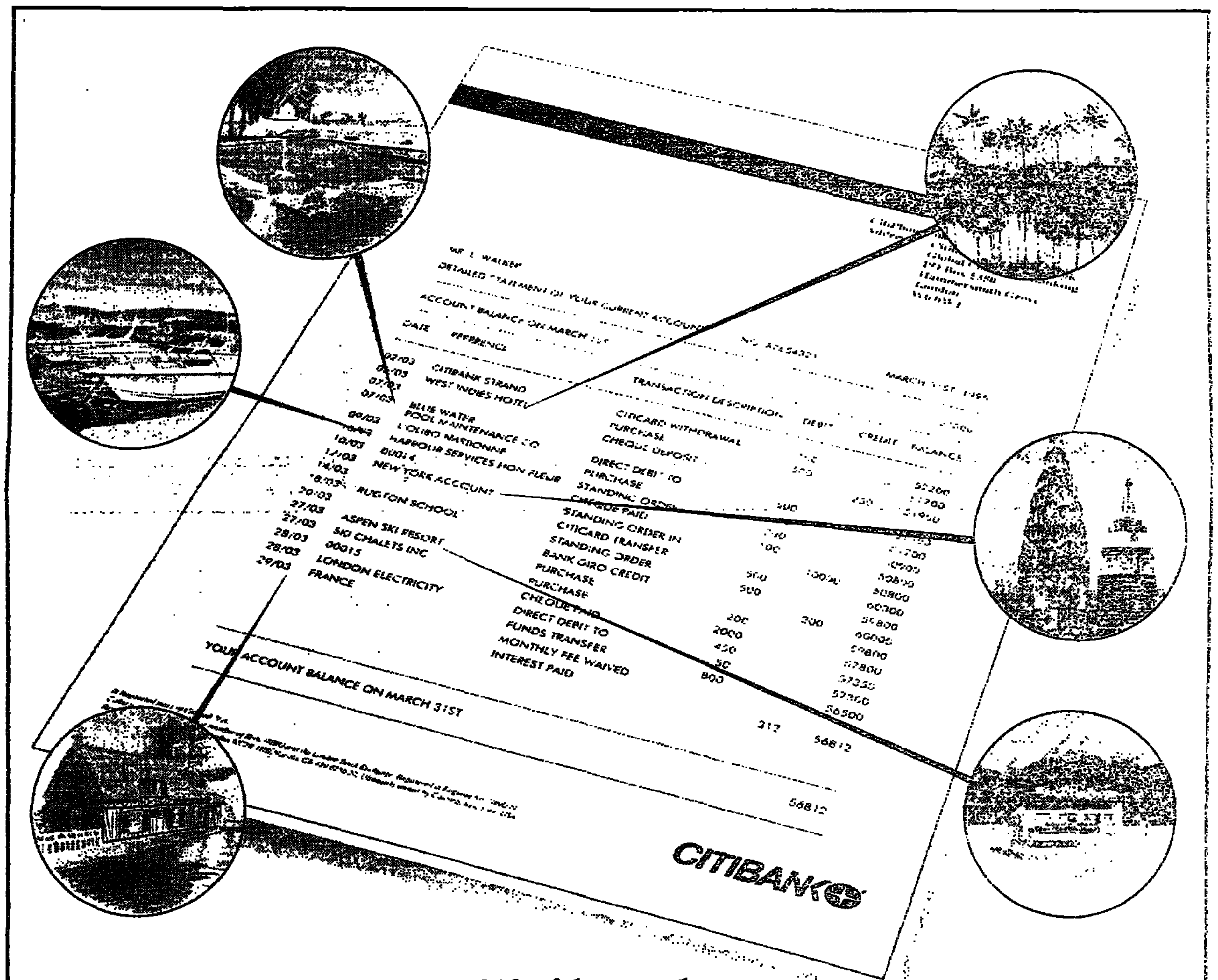

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Besieged Bath declares war on the hit-and-run visitor

■ In the last in a series, John Young and Paul Wilkinson visit two cities that are finding it increasingly difficult to live with tourism, but are unable to prosper without it

OUTSIDE Bath Abbey on a sunny spring afternoon. George and Margaret Evans from Bloomington. Indiana. were listening to a busking oboeist playing a baroque concerto. They were obviously enjoying themselves and it was hard to think of a better place to be on such a day. with the daffodils profuse along the banks of the Avon and the summer armies of invading tourists not yet mobilised.

Designated by Unesco as a World Heritage Site. Bath is by any standards one of the world's most spectacular cities. The Romans turned to its thermal springs and lush green valley as a haven in which to relax. but the main attraction today is the Georgian architecture in a grand collection of squares. terraces and crescents.

Since John Wood the Elder laid out his great Palladian masterpiece. the world has flocked to Bath. Among its most famous visitors were Jane Austen and Joseph Haydn. and past residents include Thomas Gainsborough. David Livingstone. William Pitt the Elder and Clive of India. But the days when visitors and residents consorted happily have long gone. Nowadays tourists waving from open-top buses are more likely to be greeted with a scowl than a smile of welcome. while in peak summer months the crowds and the queues often destroy any sense of tranquillity. Mr and Mrs Evans had shrewdly foreseen the midsummer madness and timed their pilgrimage accordingly. "Everyone told us we were crazy to come to England so early." she said. "But we are really pleased that we came when we did. Everyone is so kind and pleasant and not hassled by the crowds."

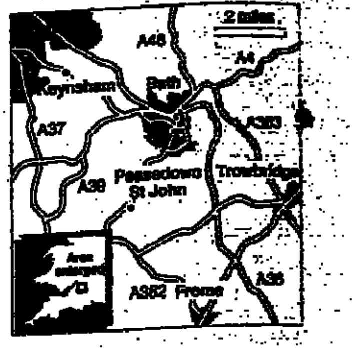
Mr Evans frequently comes back to Bath because he served in the West Country in the Second World War. Looking around at the buildings. he added: "With all our modern technology no one nowadays can come up with something like this. But I don't think I would want to come here in the middle of the season."

Nigel and Sue Noble were on a return visit from Perth. Australia, where they emigrated in 1988. "Seeing this architecture again, we really appreciate it." Mrs Noble said. "Perth is a fine city but all the buildings are new." Both said that service in shops and restaurants had greatly improved since they were last in England. but thought that might not be the case in July and August.

Residents would have few quarrels with visitors like the Evanses and the Nobles but it is a different matter when the peace of their homes is shattered by the amplified voices of guides addressing parties of sightseers. Recently there were complaints that a particular guide repeated the same jokes at maximum volume day after day. The people of Bath are so sensitive to noise that they even forced the cancellation last year of an open-air concert by Placido Domingo. Over tea in the Pump Rooms Paul Simons, the city's tourism director, said that Bath needed more, not fewer, visitors. Although it had experienced less of a slump in tourism than most other places, numbers were at best static and last year there were 200,000 empty bed nights. But he decidedly did not want any more day-trippers. The aim was to attract affluent visitors from Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, North America and Japan. "The backpackers of the 1960s are now affluent middle-class families," he said. Part of his strategy was to expand the role of the city as a regional base for the surrounding countryside and to get people away from the overcrowded city centre. Local people recognised that tourism was a vital part of the economy but it was important to attract more people in the off-season, between October and May.

The Romans made Bath into a haven of tranquillity but in peak months the city is overrun by visitors

Naturally, the interests of residents had to be considered, and among the steps being taken to meet their complaints were restricting the number of coach operators, not allowing coaches to stop in Royal Crescent and the other Georgian terraces, and banning loudspeaker commentaries.



But there was still a problem with large tour operators who disgorged hundreds of people at a time in the centre of the city. They stayed an average of only two and a half hours and there was little chance of them buying even a beer and a sandwich. "We have to persuade them that Bath is a bit more than just a day trip from London," Mr Simons said. "Three quarters of our visitors come for a few hours, sit in the parks, spend an average of £9 each and then go back to London, which gets all the benefits."

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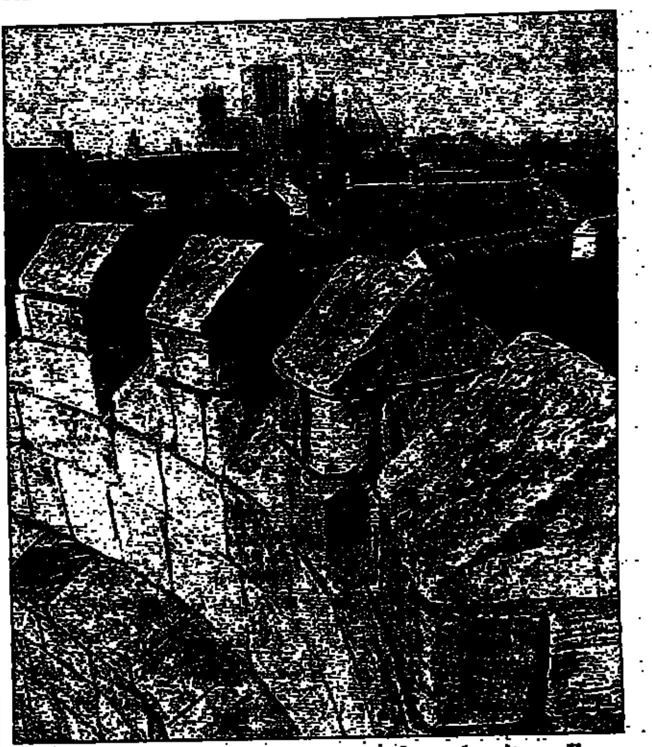


The medieval York Minster seen from the city walls

Walled city owes its future to the summer invader

THE soaring towers of York Minster, visible for miles across the surrounding flat farmland, have been a beacon for travellers for centuries. In the age of mass tourism the medieval cathedral continues to attract hundreds of thousands of visitors a year and brings large financial rewards to the ancient city. Now York is seeking to expand this lucrative business.

The city boasts at least 30 major attractions which draw in about four million people a year. Apart from the Minster itself, the largest Anglican cathedral outside London, it is also home to the National Railway Museum and the Jorvik Viking Centre.

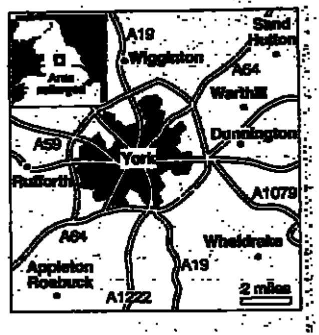
For years, city fathers angered local businessmen by treating tourism as little more than an inconvenience that had to be managed. Now they recognise that York needs tourists. The turning point was a survey carried out for the Labour-controlled council by the accountants Touche Ross last autumn. It showed that almost a quarter of York's working population derived its living from tourism, worth around £270 million a year.

In a city where jobs were melting away faster than a tourist's ice-cream with the decline of traditional industries — railways and chocolate-making — the survey was a salvation. It led to the immediate setting up of a joint council-business working party to look at ways of boosting the trade.

John Rigby, assistant director of transport and development, who is responsible for tourism, said the intention was to improve the "quality" of visitors, supplanting the day tripper with overnight stayers who spend around four times as much.

He said that apart from some traffic problems on busy days, sheer weight of numbers was not a threat. "A great deal of our attractions are centuries old. The real problem comes not from footfall, but from things like acid rain, and the fact that medieval engineers were a little sloppy in their construction techniques and things fall down."

The positive approach is evident at the Minster, where officials say the effects of more than two million visitors a year have still not become a problem. Although people seeking detailed information are directed to its adjacent visitor centre, the Chancellor, Canon John Toy, says the great building is large enough to swallow even the biggest bank holiday crowd.



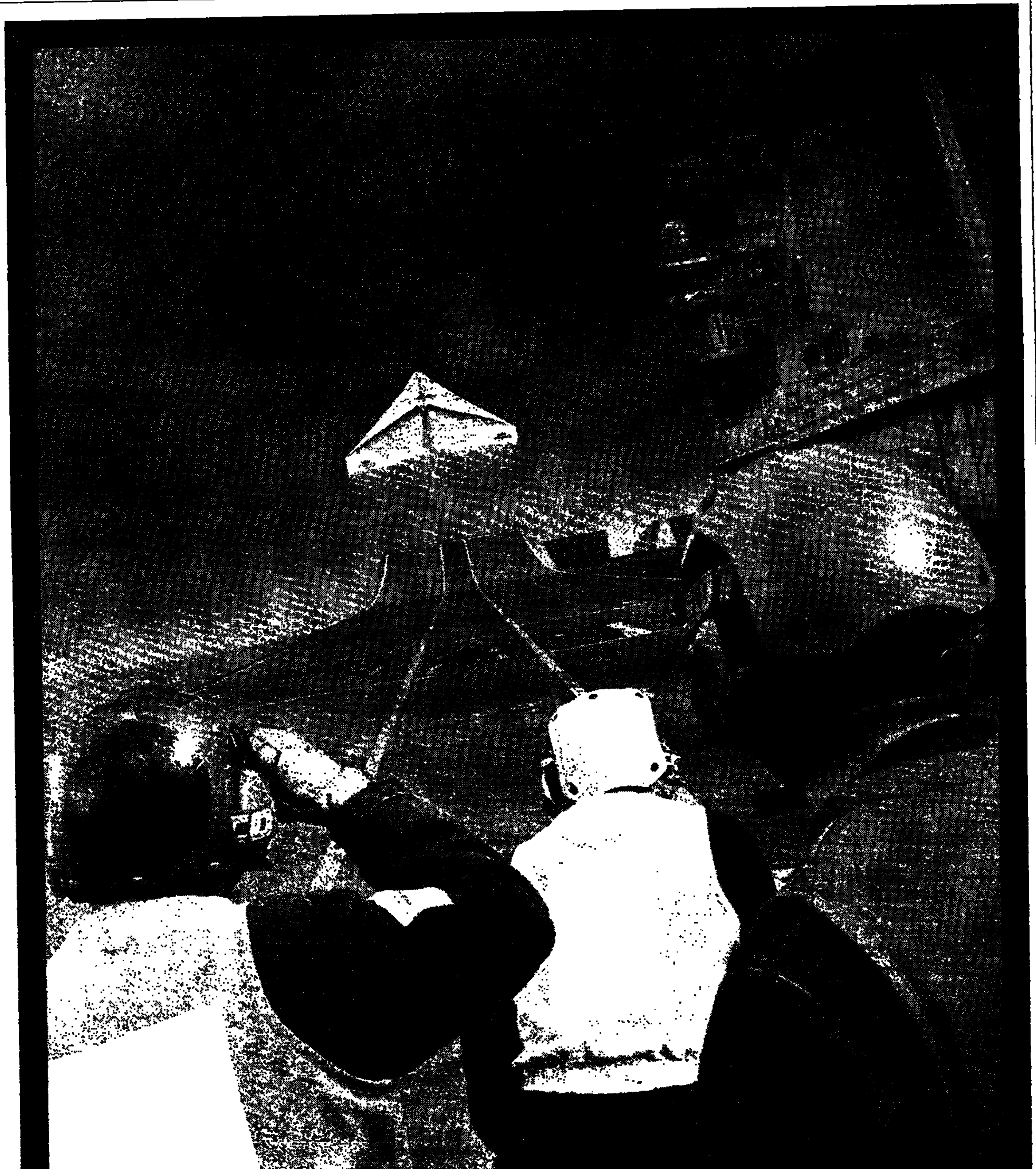
Problems caused by the abrasive effect of shoe leather were solved 200 years ago when the Minster's limestone floors were repaved with harder stone. Pedestrianisation of the A64 trunk road, which ran within feet of the south wall, has reduced traffic vibration and chemical attack on stone from exhaust gases.

"We have so far resisted pressure from tourism," Canon Toy said. "We do not charge for entry and the Minster stays open during services, although certain areas might be closed off."

By banning all vehicles from the centre, York has created the largest pedestrianised area of any similar size city in Europe. An ambitious park and ride scheme is being developed around the city perimeter that will increase the current 900 free spaces to 5,000 by 2006.

Peter Addyman, director of the York Archaeological Trust, which runs the Viking centre and who is president of the Council for British Archaeology, believes in a "happy hour" policy to help to spread the tourism load.

"We can handle things better by encouraging people to come at off-peak times. Why queue for an hour or more in the afternoon, when by coming at 4pm you can walk straight in? Any why not come in February or October? Most of the attractions are indoors. it does not matter what is happening with the weather."



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Spain attacks Britain for taking sides with Canada

From Edward Owen in Madrid

THE clear victory achieved by Canada against a divided European Union in the fishing dispute has united furious Spanish fishermen against other fishing fleets, particularly the British.

Yesterday David Brighty, the British Ambassador to Madrid, was summoned to the Spanish Foreign Ministry to explain Britain's pro-Canadian stance.

Emma Bonino, the Italian head of the EU fishing commission, in an interview with Spain's *El Pais*, also had some hard words to say about Britain's attitude during the talks. She spoke about the angry reaction in the port of Vigo, in northwest Spain, where up to 6,000 jobs could be lost as a result of the new fishing restrictions. Eighteen of the 40 sophisticated factory trawlers in the northwest Atlantic are now out of work.

Signora Bonino said that Britain's refusal to discuss sanctions after Canada's illegal seizure in international waters of the Spanish trawler *Estai*, was "a unilateral position that did not help us. I would ask John Major one question: what would he want the European Commission and the European Union to do if a British boat was detained by a third [non-EU] country on the high seas and suddenly Spain or Italy said that we should not apply sanctions?"

Signora Bonino told Spanish fishermen, 70 per cent of whose catch comes from non-Spanish waters, that fish conservation was "in the interest of future generations of fishermen ... there are too many fishermen for too few fish."

Luis Atienza, the Spanish Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, described the Canada deal as "the best possible" but his Socialist Government in Madrid is not supported by Carlos Príncipe, the Socialist Mayor of Vigo, who faces local elections next month.

"We are going to fight in the parliaments and the streets," Señor Príncipe said, as he called for a mass demonstration in Vigo against the deal. "This is a war we are going to win," he said. Spain plans to seek compensation for the Canadian attacks at the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

What has incensed Spaniards more than any posturing in Brussels has been the willingness of the Spanish Government to capitulate to Canadian threats. Yesterday an editorial in *El Mundo* said that the EU had "ceded to the blackmail of force".

"The whole conflict was orchestrated by Canada in preparation to extending their territorial limit to 400 miles, with the complicity of some sectors of the EU determined to eliminate the Galician factory fleet that has already been cut by half in ten years," said José Manuel Muñiz, president of the Spanish Sea Fishermen's Association.

In common with other fishermen's leaders, he feels that Sunday's agreement sounds the death knell for the Spanish fleet, one the world's biggest with 18,890 boats and 85,000 crew. Portugal is also unhappy about the deal. The terms of the deal are:

☐ Total allowable catches of Greenland halibut not to exceed 27,000 tonnes in 1995 in Newfoundland international waters. The EU quota, which is allocated to Spain and Portugal, increases to 5,013 tonnes for the rest of this year.

☐ From next year both EU and Canada will have a 41 per cent share of the total 11,070 tonnes based on this year's quota.

☐ Fisheries control and enforcement will be tightened. All vessels to have an independent observer on board.

☐ Refusal to co-operate with inspectors, misreporting of catches, mesh size violations and interference with satellite tracking system will be regarded as serious offences.

☐ Canada to return bond and bail paid for the release of the *Estai*, seized on March 9. Canada is also to return the catch or its proceeds.

☐ Canada to repeal law which allowed it to seize Spanish and Portuguese vessels fishing in international waters.

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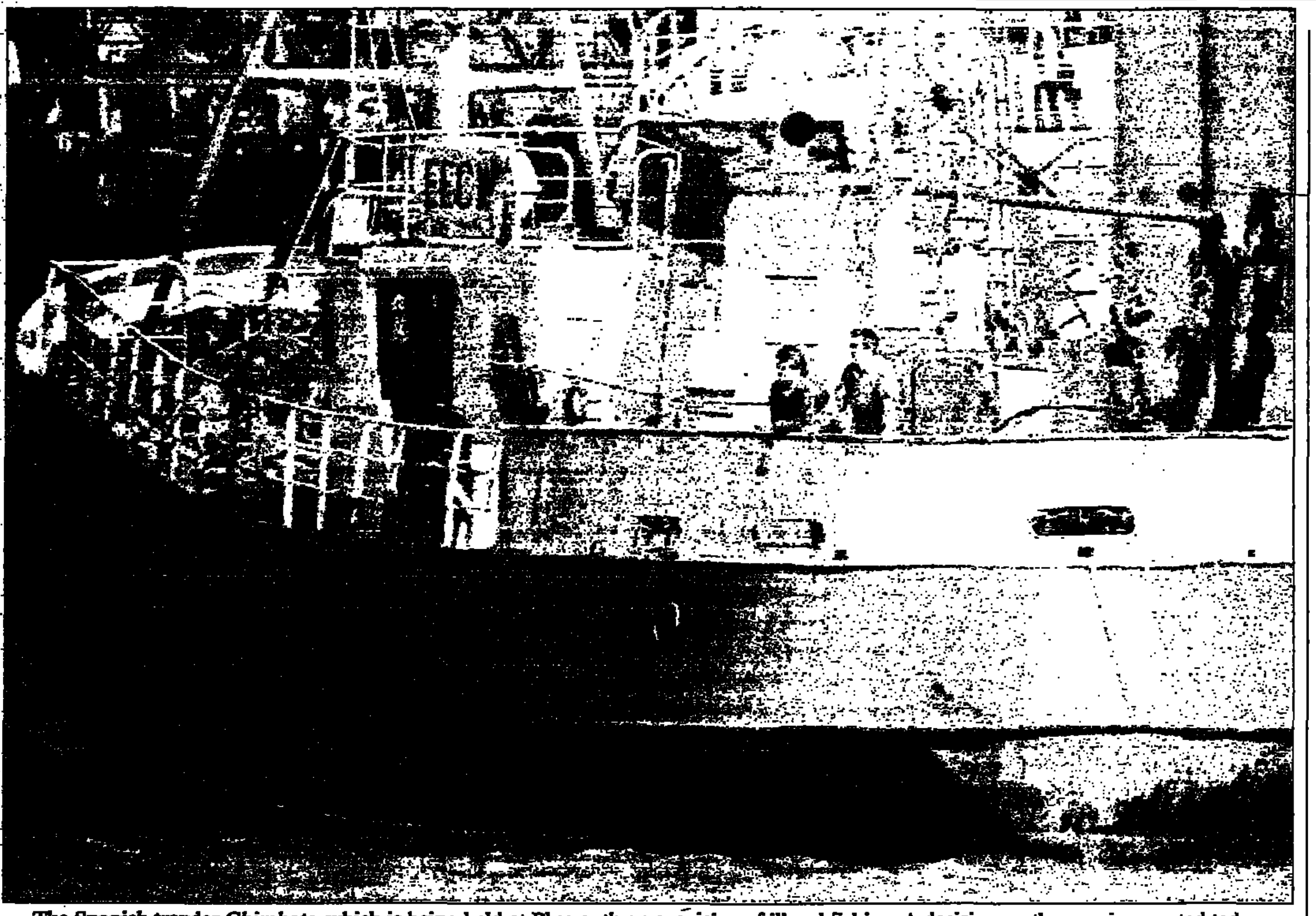


The Spanish trawler *Chimbote*, which is being held at Plymouth on suspicion of illegal fishing. A decision on the case is expected today

Runaway Briton's mother in court scuffle

From Associated Press in Singapore

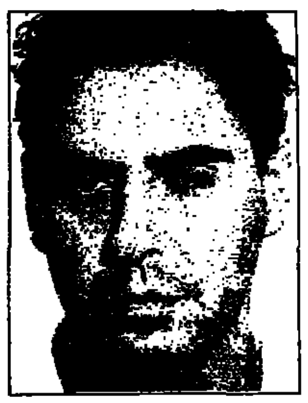
AN ESCAPED British convict accused of killing a South African tourist was moved from a psychiatric ward to a police cell yesterday for questioning.

John Scripps, 35, was arrested on March 19 for the murder of Gerard Lowe, 32, a businessman from Johannesburg. The case has attracted attention because police suspect Lowe was hacked to death and then dumped in the sea in plastic bags. Police are trying to match Lowe's blood type with that of a torso, legs and thighs found in the sea.

Meanwhile, Canadian and Thai authorities are checking to see if there is a link between Lowe's murder and the killings last month of a Canadian woman and her son while touring Thailand. Scripps is also being investigated for unsolved murders in Mexico and San Francisco.

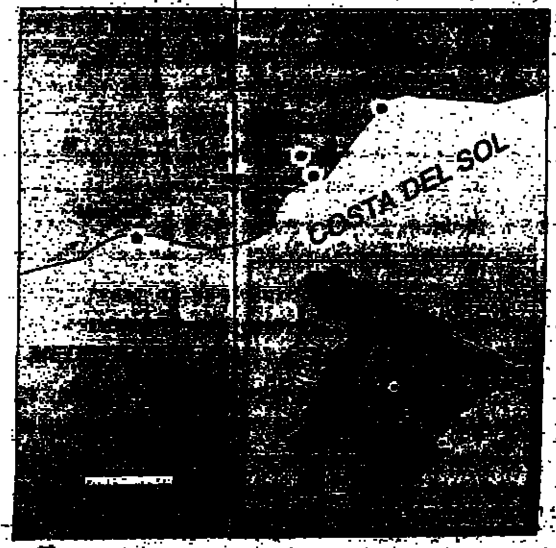
Scripps's mother and uncle, who flew in from England for a week's visit, were in court yesterday but refused to give their names or speak to reporters. Outside the courtroom, the mother refused to be photographed and at one point ran to kick a news photographer. The uncle grabbed the photographer's hand and shouted abuse.

Scripps, from Letchworth, Hertfordshire, was serving a 13-year sentence in Britain for heroin trafficking when he absconded from Mount Bovingdon prison, Herts, in October last year.



John Scripps: linked to other killings

Water rationed as drought hits Costa del Sol



By Edward Owen

BRITONS staying in villas on Spain's drought-stricken Costa del Sol were the first to suffer yesterday when the regional water authority reduced its supplies again after keeping water on tap from last Thursday to Sunday, the Spanish Easter holiday.

In the resort of Fuengirola yesterday those Britons staying at hotels or blocks of flats were unaware that water was being rationed because, by law, the tourist complexes have to install tanks capable of supplying sufficient water for three days.

At the nearby Mijas La Nueva residential area, the water had been cut since midnight, coming on again in the morning. "We had no warning," said David Hewson, a writer from Ashford, Kent, who was staying with his wife, Helen, and two children.

Bars and restaurants on the Paseo Maritimo in Fuengirola were also badly affected. "We have had no water all day," said Juan Carlos Cañeta, 42, owner of Ivan's Restaurant. "Recently we have been without water for two or three days. We have a tank, but the worst problem is keeping the toilets working." He described the dilemma facing the Costa del Sol tourist industry, which is facing the worst drought in 50 years: "It's a vicious circle. We want the rain but the tourists want the sun. Don't say we haven't got any water because they won't come here."

Down the coast at Marbella and Estepona, the water is cut for 16 hours a day and in all two million Spaniards in Andalucia are affected by severe rationing.

"We had water cuts all weekend," said Trilby Norton, 49, a film director's assistant from New Jersey, staying at her holiday home in Le Village.

Yesterday José Borrell, the Minister of Public Works and Transport, visited Málaga province, which includes the whole of the Costa del Sol, to discuss the problem. He admits that, while there is a genuine drought, much of the infrastructure required to collect and distribute water in Spain is leaking too much, losing up to 40 per cent of supplies, and needs to be replaced. The regional water authority is spending £36 million on emergency repair work and boring new wells. Golf courses have to use recycled water.

Confidence in Spain's ability to avert a major crisis at the height of the tourist season was hardly helped yesterday when it was discovered that the first tanker shipment of water to Majorca from the mainland, part of a drought relief programme for the holiday island, was contaminated and had to be pumped into the sea. The newly painted tanks in the ship had been filled when the paint was still wet.

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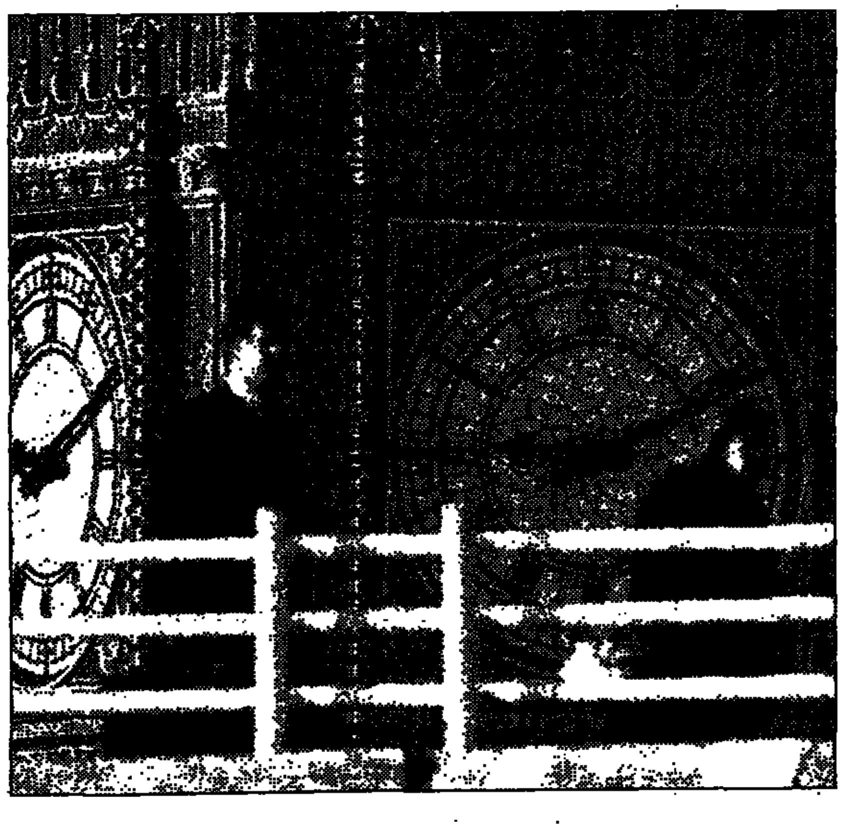

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China rejects US plea to pull out of nuclear deal with Iran

By James Bone in New York

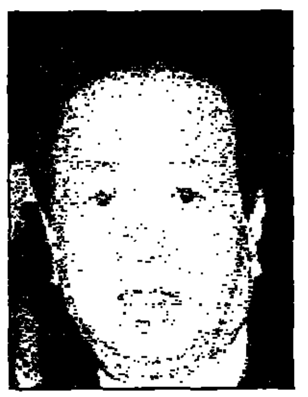
THE United States appealed to China yesterday to abandon a planned nuclear deal with Iran, similar to one recently concluded by Russia, that could help the Islamic republic build a nuclear bomb.

Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, raised his concerns at a meeting in New York with his Chinese counterpart, Qian Qichen, on the opening day of a conference on renewing the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

"We feel that no nation ought to go forward with nuclear co-operation with Iran," Mr Christopher said. "This is not to single out China. This is a position we have taken with other major countries in the world."

Mr Qian appeared to dismiss the American objections: "We respect the view of the United States, but what we have done is consistent with international practice," he said.

China is negotiating with Iran to build two 300-megawatt pressurised water reactors and to provide associated nuclear know-how. The deal is similar to one concluded in January between Russia and Iran, which the United States failed to block.


Qian: export would be perfectly legal

The export of civilian nuclear technology to Iran is legal, and all the equipment supplied is covered by international safeguards under the existing non-proliferation regime. American officials fear, however, that Iran, an oil-rich country with little need of nuclear power, could divert the technology to a secret nuclear weapons programme.

Last autumn, Isreal passed information to the United States showing that Iran was actively seeking the capability to make nuclear fuel that could be used in a crude nuclear bomb. The CIA confirmed that Iran was shopping in Germany and Switzerland for equipment to enrich uranium using gas centrifuges.

American officials have not yet been as vociferous about the possible Chinese-Iranian deal as they were about the sale of two reactors by Russia, partly because they are not sure China can provide the entire package. When China built a similar reactor in the late 1980s, it had to obtain parts from Germany and Japan.

Mr Christopher also had meetings yesterday with Middle Eastern and Asian nations in an effort to muster support for an indefinite extension of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, due to be renewed after 25 years in force.

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations Secretary-General, opened the month-long review conference at UN headquarters with a warning that, despite the end of the Cold War, some countries appeared intent on developing nuclear weapons. "Some states . . . are seeking to obtain materials and technology for the manufacture of weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons," he said.

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Jacques Chirac with his daughter Claude and his wife, Bernadette, who ascribes his demanding nature to his upbringing as a spoilt only child

Wives tell tales on France's candidates

From Charles Bremner
in Paris

FRENCH ELECTIONS

JACQUES CHIRAC, the likely next French leader, owes his less lovable traits to a spoilt childhood. Edouard Balladur, his protégé-turned rival, is a mere amateur in politics. Lionel Jospin, the Socialist candidate, leaves his socks lying around and barely touches the housework.

These home truths have come from authoritative sources, the wives of the leading presidential candidates as they have submitted to public exposure of a kind not previously seen in a French campaign. Bernadette Chirac, Sylviane Jospin and Marie-Josèphe Balladur are not being subjected to the scrutiny applied to a Hillary Clinton. The juicier tattle about the candidates' lives are still confined to Paris dinner tables and the model for the ideal Madame La Presidente is still that of the legendary Yvonne de Gaulle. For the first time, however, wives are being hauled out to offer insights into the men who would be President and define the First Ladies they would make.

The three spouses project themselves in traditional fashion as the adoring help-mates of men of statesmen's mettle, and eschew any idea that they would even compete with Danielle Mitterrand, the independent-minded *première dame* of the past 14 years. They do, however, offer contrasts ranging from old-world home-maker to divorced intellectual.

At one extreme is Mme Balladur, the strait-laced wife of the Prime Minister. The perfect high-bourgeoise, Mme Balladur is appalled by the brutality of big-time politics, a field that her 65-year-old husband entered only a decade ago when he was appointed Finance Minister. "They have been nasty to my husband," she says of the internecine feud between the Gaullists. "I never imagined myself in this milieu. I would liked to have been a doctor's wife . . . My husband is starting out and I think he is not doing badly for a beginner," she said in an unguarded interview after M Chirac's campaign eclipsed M Balladur's last month. The Prime Minister, who spent most of his career as a senior civil servant, never discusses politics at home.

In contrast, while Mme Chirac has also devoted her life to her husband and family, she is at home with politics. A strong-willed woman from an aristocratic family, she holds local and county councillor's jobs. As wife of the Paris Mayor for the past 18 years, she has kept an eye on the city's cultural programme. Claude, 31, the younger of their two daughters, has also made her mark as M Chirac's campaign organiser.

"For Jacques, I am a fixed point," Mme Chirac said last week. "He knows he can count on me at any time." In *Paris Match*, she ascribed his demanding nature to his childhood as a spoilt only child. "He went at the age of 23 from a mother of an only child to a relatively devoted wife."

Mme Jospin, 48, is a figure from a different generation. A philosophy lecturer, a Socialist and an author, she met and fell in love with the then-married Education Minister six years ago. The couple wed after his divorce last year. When M Jospin, 57, won the surprise nomination in February, Mme Jospin bungled her first media outing, giving the unflattering account of his untidy domestic habits. She has since learnt the trade, standing by her man and rejecting any idea that she would be a Hillary-style First Lady. Mme Jospin also seems to enjoy the attention devoted to her looks. Described as an "egg-head on pretty legs", she said: "The association of the two gives me pleasure."

UN squeezed by Russian and US split over Bosnia

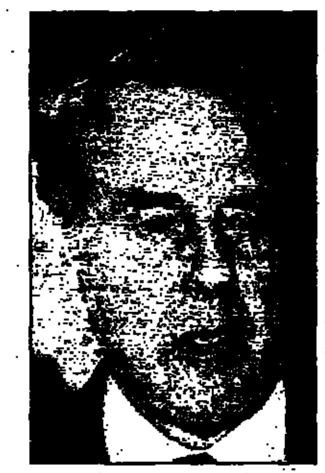
By Eve-Ann Prentice, diplomatic correspondent

THE United States and Russia are showing ominous signs of siding more openly with the opposing warring factions in the Balkans.

Washington is under renewed pressure to arm the Muslim-led Bosnian Government, while Moscow is increasingly impatient to see United Nations sanctions against Serbia lifted. The hardening of support for the opposing armies is likely to chill relations between the two main powers, already strained by the expansion of Nato influence into former Warsaw Pact countries. There is little time for diplomats to try to heal the rift before Bosnia-Herzegovina and possibly Croatia lurch towards a new full-blown war.

The outlook is even bleaker for the United Nations peacekeepers in the Balkans. Vilified for not taking sides, they will be in the firing line if the United States and Russia begin supplying weapons openly to the warlords. Most observers agree that Russian equipment is already reaching the Bosnian Serbs, perhaps via Montenegro, while the United States has all but acknowledged that it is turning a blind eye to Iran breaking the arms embargo and supplying Muslim-led Bosnian government troops.

With two French soldiers shot dead by snipers on two consecutive days over Easter, Paris knows better than most that the UN is damned if it tries to pull out of the Balkan quagmire, and damned if it does not.


Dole: says arms ban could be lifted soon

America's slide towards a more partisan role was signalled by Robert Dole, the Senate Republican leader, who said at the weekend that he would move soon to try to lift the arms embargo against the Bosnian Government. Asked if he would try to pass legislation lifting the arms embargo when the present Bosnian ceasefire ends on May 1, Mr Dole said it might not be exactly on that date, but added: "Yes, sometime soon".

In Moscow, the Duma increased pressure on the Government to take a stronger pro-Serb line when it voted overwhelmingly on Friday for a lifting of UN sanctions against the rump Yugoslavia. The vote reflects the widespread irritation felt in Russia at the West's handling of the Balkan crisis. It also comes as the UN Security Council prepares to decide next week whether to maintain a partial easing of the sanctions.

Tension between Russia and the United States over the Partnership for Peace programme extending Nato links to former Warsaw Pact countries, and Russia's nuclear deal with Iran, now threatens to make next month's summit between President Clinton and President Yeltsin fraught with difficulties.

The Duma vote has also unsettled Germany, with Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, saying that co-operation between Russia, Britain, France, Germany and the United States — which make up the Contact Group of peace negotiators — was more important than ever.

The problems facing peacekeepers in Croatia increased at the weekend when leaders of the Serb-held Krajina region rejected a new UN mandate. Thorvald Stoltenberg, the UN mediator, has until next weekend to prepare a report for Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, on the implementation of the new mandate demanded by President Tudjman, who had threatened to expel the force.

☐ **Rome:** Matteo Toson, 25, an Italian journalist investigating arms trafficking in Bosnia, has been missing for nine days. *(AFP)*

Museum chief quits in Passover book row

Sarajevo: The director of Bosnia's National Museum has resigned in protest at the rare display of a priceless medieval Passover book in Sarajevo's synagogue.

"Using the 700-year-old book at a time when the town is being shelled daily, when a whole network of international agents is waiting to pounce on it, surprised me a lot," Dr Munever Imamovic said in a letter published in the city's *Oslobodjenje* newspaper yesterday. "Regardless of how old, valuable and significant the Haggadah is, we can see that powerful people can take it whenever they want."

President Izetbegovic of Bosnia, a Muslim, agreed to display the book at the request of the city's Jewish community to dispel rumours it had been sold and the proceeds used to buy weapons for his army. *(Reuter)*

Chechens prepare for final defence of town

Moscow: Russian forces were yesterday preparing for a final assault on Bamut, the last Chechen rebel stronghold in the plains, after fighters rejected an ultimatum to surrender at the weekend (Michael Binyon writes).

The move came as Russia indicated that it would ignore an arms control agreement that has hindered the use of large-scale forces. General Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, said at the weekend that the Soviet Union should not have signed the Conventional Forces in Europe treaty, which limits the number of soldiers that can be sent into the Caucasus region. General Grachev said he would ask the Western signatories to allow Moscow more flexibility, and indicated that if they did not agree, the army would ignore the treaty limitations until after the Chechen war.

Yesterday Interior Ministry troops regrouped for another attack on Chechens taking refuge in a former nuclear missile complex. So far ten Russian soldiers have been killed and 30 wounded in the attempt to take the town. General Dzhokhar Dudayev's Chechen fighters have been driven out of all other towns and villages.

Turkey to expel 11 Germans

Diyarbakir: A Turkish court has ordered 11 Germans to be deported for taking part in an illegal pro-Kurdish demonstration in Silvan, southeast Turkey. The court ruled that there was enough evidence to prosecute the Germans but that they should be expelled instead.

Western human rights activists had gone to the town to monitor the trial of four members of Turkey's Human Rights Association charged with separatism, who face up to 17 years in jail.

In Eastern Turkey, at least two fighter-bombers and helicopters firing rockets attacked Kurdish rebels in a mountain stronghold where 24 were killed at the weekend.

At Backnang, near Stuttgart, Germany, the headquarters of a Turkish sports association was destroyed by a firebomb. Nobody was injured. *(Reuter/AFP)*

Blasts kill ten

Gdansk: At least three people were killed and more were feared dead after a gas explosion destroyed a ten-storey block of flats here. In the northeast German town of Neuruppin seven people died after a gas explosion on Friday, which destroyed eight high-rise flats and damaged 15 houses. A man who had repeatedly attempted suicide was found among the dead. *(Reuter/AFP)*

Freedom bought

Athens: A Greek ferry captain, found to be carrying almost double his legal load of passengers, was allowed to buy his way out of a five-month prison term at the rate of 5,000 drachmas (£14) a day. Nicos Rafiopoulos's boat, the *Marina*, left Piraeus for Rhodes on Easter Saturday with 2,700 passengers, including hundreds of schoolchildren, when he was allowed to carry only 1,447. *(AFP)*

Funeral snub

Athens: The body of one of Greece's best-known Aids victims had to be driven in a lorry 75 miles to his home village for burial by his father when undertakers in Salonika refused to handle it. Kostas Ossas, 31, and his wife, Foteini, also an HIV carrier, attracted attention when they decided to marry two years ago. Both were drug addicts at the time. Mr Ossas died of a drug overdose. *(AP)*

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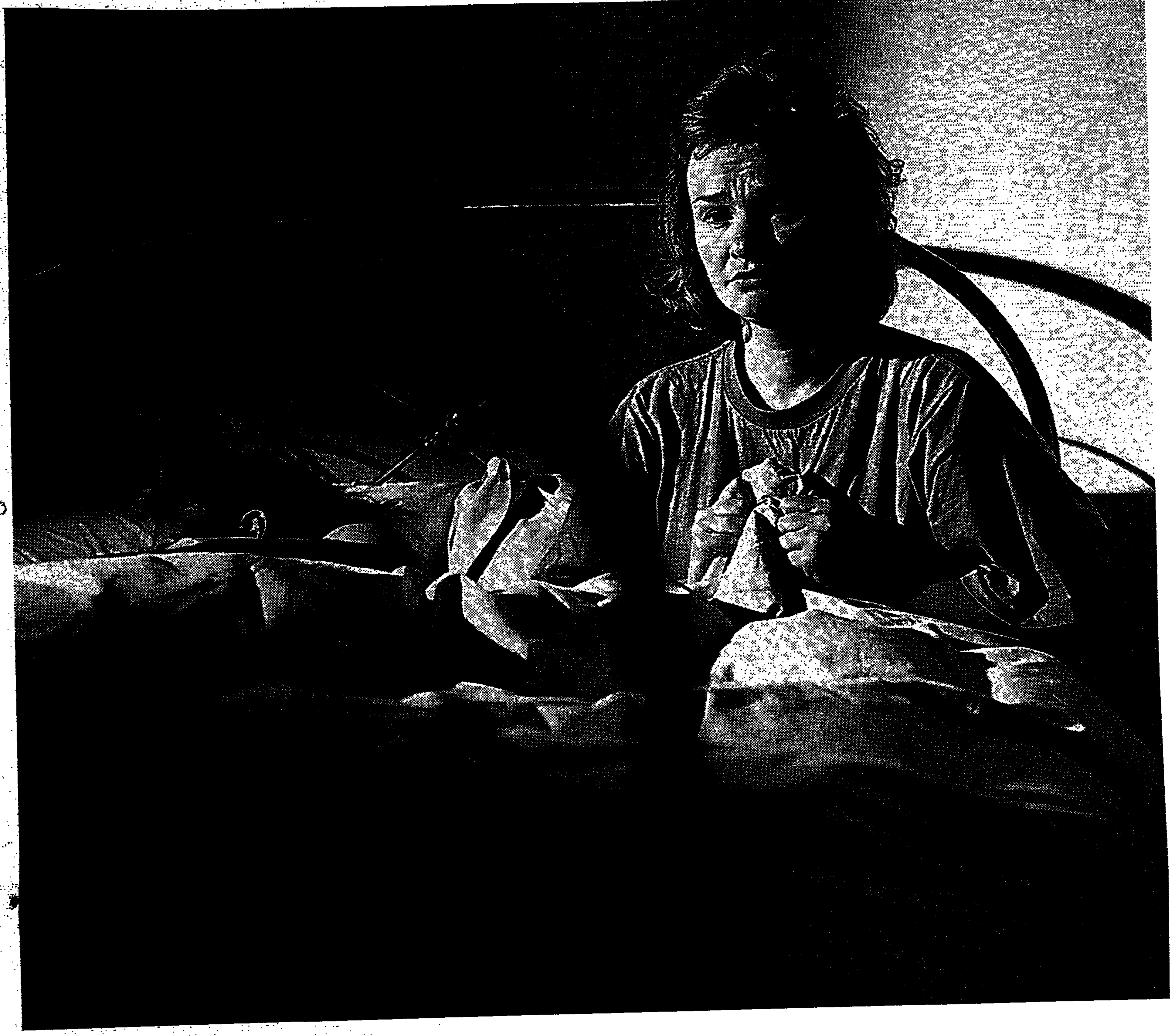

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Japan cult members find peace in eye of storm

■ As sect members meditate, humming air filters guard against gas attacks. This is the world of Aum Shinrikyo, writes Christopher Szechenyi from Kamikuishiki

In the foothills of Mount Fuji. Aum Shinrikyo sect members live in a secluded world of yoga and meditation. listening to their venerated master and chanting his words. They assume the lotus position in a room filled with the sound of chimes and the smell of incense.

Yet outside their sanctuary the scene resembles an armed camp. Swarms of heavily-armed police surround the sect's headquarters in a pastoral area about 90 miles west of Tokyo. Authorities have arrested more than 100 sect members during the past four weeks on various charges, including kidnapping former members, and have seized tonnes of dangerous chemicals in the wake of the nerve gas attack on Tokyo's subway system.

Despite growing tension caused by their leader's prediction that disaster would strike Tokyo over the past weekend, cult life goes on.

"Tension? It's rather calmness which is in my mind," said a woman who joined the group four months ago. "You know, it's not like something when you do sports or when you eat something very delicious. It's something more deep and calm: yes, it's very different from the ordinary world."

Inside Aum Shinrikyo's headquarters is another world, where every room in every building has a piano-sized air-filtering machine, constantly humming in a corner — a safeguard against a future nerve gas attack, say followers, who believe their leader's prediction that Armageddon will occur in 1997.

Everyone takes off their shoes before entering Satyam 10, the spiritual centre of a sect that has attracted thousands of followers around the world from just ten in 1987, when Shoko Asahara, the obscure son of a carpet maker, founded the group. He is no longer present, but appears in hundreds of photographs, wearing a purple tunic. His bearded presence is the most eerie part of going inside Aum Shinrikyo, aside from the people who live there.

"He's perfect," said Yasuo Hiramatsu, a 30-year-old monk. "He can explain life and death, and reincarnation." Mr Hiramatsu dropped out of college and ended his mechanical engineering studies to join the sect and practise its mixture of eastern mysticism and the occult. At 23, he embarked on a quest for salvation by denying himself earthly pleasures such as food and sex. Sect members eat once a day and sex is taboo. Nevertheless, many are happy.

"I would like to stay near my master," said the young woman, acknowledging that he has disappeared since the subway attack. "Spiritually, we are very close."

On the second floor of Satyam 10, a flight of stairs leads into a room full of sewing machines used by the members to make their own clothes. Everyone works in Aum Shinrikyo. They all live on the premises but are paid little. That is because sect members have detached themselves from the material world. They have to give all their property to the sect.

"It is almost like a business," said one former member, who broke away after disagreeing with Mr Asahara's tactics. "He talks about religion to trick and to brainwash people." Whether that is true or not — and the group denies it — Aum Shinrikyo is a successful business, producing computers sold in Tokyo. The sect also churns out thousands of books at its printing plant and produces videotapes at its sophisticated studio. The material is shipped to branches in Moscow, Bonn and New York.

The siege of the compound is likely to continue until the police find Mr Asahara. In the meantime, his followers, who believe he can levitate and predict the future, are trying to obey his commands and achieve enlightenment.

But some cult experts believe the police are putting so much pressure on the group by actions such as seizing their children, that it could snap, like the Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas, led by David Koresh.

Steve Hassan, an expert on cults and a counsellor for former members, said: "It seems to me that they're backing them further and further into a corner, where the only out is death, and it frightens me horribly. They're allowing him no out. No way out."

Fumihiro Joyu, the sect's spokesman, said he considered police actions illegal. "What they are doing will result in nothing but religious persecution. In other words, destruction of our religious community."

The author is an associate producer for the CBS News programme, 60 Minutes.

Aum Shinrikyo members chant along to the tape-recorded words of Shoko Asahara. They believe he can levitate and predict the future

Diary blames Asahara for subway attack

By Gwen Robinson in Tokyo
and Our Foreign Staff

FOR the first time yesterday police named Shoko Asahara, the leader of Aum Shinrikyo, as a prime suspect for the nerve gas attack on Tokyo's subway system which killed 12 people. A warrant for his arrest is now being prepared, according to Japanese news reports.

A document seized at the weekend by police in the cult's main compound, showed that Mr Asahara ordered the production of nerve gas and warned followers to be extremely careful in the procedure as the substance was lethal, according to police sources.

The document, a diary of events in the compound before the gas attack, is the strongest evidence so far that the cult carried out the attack, which also injured more than 5,500 people. *Yomiuri Shimbun,* Japan's largest newspaper, reported yesterday that the diary also indicated that Mr Asahara ordered followers to catch and confine a cult member who was trying to escape from the compound.

Mr Asahara has been in hiding since the March 20 attack, and police are unsure of his whereabouts. However, Japanese newspapers reported yesterday that the 40-year-old guru had been sighted last week in Kyoto and the central Japanese city of Nagoya. Police spokesmen said yesterday that Mr Asahara was "wanted for questioning" in connection with the subway attack.

Fumihiro Joyu, the cult's spokesman, and other followers, have repeatedly denied involvement in the gas attack or other illegal activities. On Friday, police seized 53 children belonging to sect members.

So far, police have arrested about 100 cult members, including six senior officials, on charges ranging from abduction to illegal production of weapons.

They have also found a huge chemical stockpile, including all the ingredients of sarin, a laboratory and a plant at the sect's complex in Kamiku Isshiki that could have been used to make the gas.

The cult also tried to arm itself with guns and tanks through "Russian connections", a Japanese news agency has reported. Kyodo news agency quoted police as saying a sect leader attempted to buy tanks from Russia and to make guns from parts bought in Russia. It said the sect's "construction minister" visited Russia several times to explore weapons purchases. Last week, President Yeltsin ordered a full investigation into the activities of the sect, which says it has 30,000 members in Russia. A Moscow court has frozen the sect's bank assets and ordered its property confiscated.

Meanwhile, Tokyo appeared back to normal yesterday, after a weekend under heavy security following a prophecy by Mr Asahara that "something terrible" would happen. Helicopters patrolled and 20,000 police guarded public transport, department stores, stadiums, airports and theatres in the city of 12 million people. Mr Asahara had predicted that on Saturday there would be a disaster worse than last January's Kobe earthquake, in which 5,500 people died.

British soldiers take up duties in Angola

By Sam Kiley
Africa Correspondent

A GROUP of British United Nations soldiers, the first of a 7,000 strong UN force, flew into Angola at the weekend to shore up a shaky ceasefire between the Government and Unita rebels. The ceasefire has been broken frequently since it was agreed in Zambia last year.

The advance party of 27 logistical experts will be followed by another 35 at the end of the month and a total of 650 British soldiers by the end of May.

The growing influence of Britain in Angola, where British investment is limited to trading and some diamond interests, is in stark contrast to her waning power in former colonies like Kenya, where the High Commission has been silent amid growing government repression of its opponents and the press.

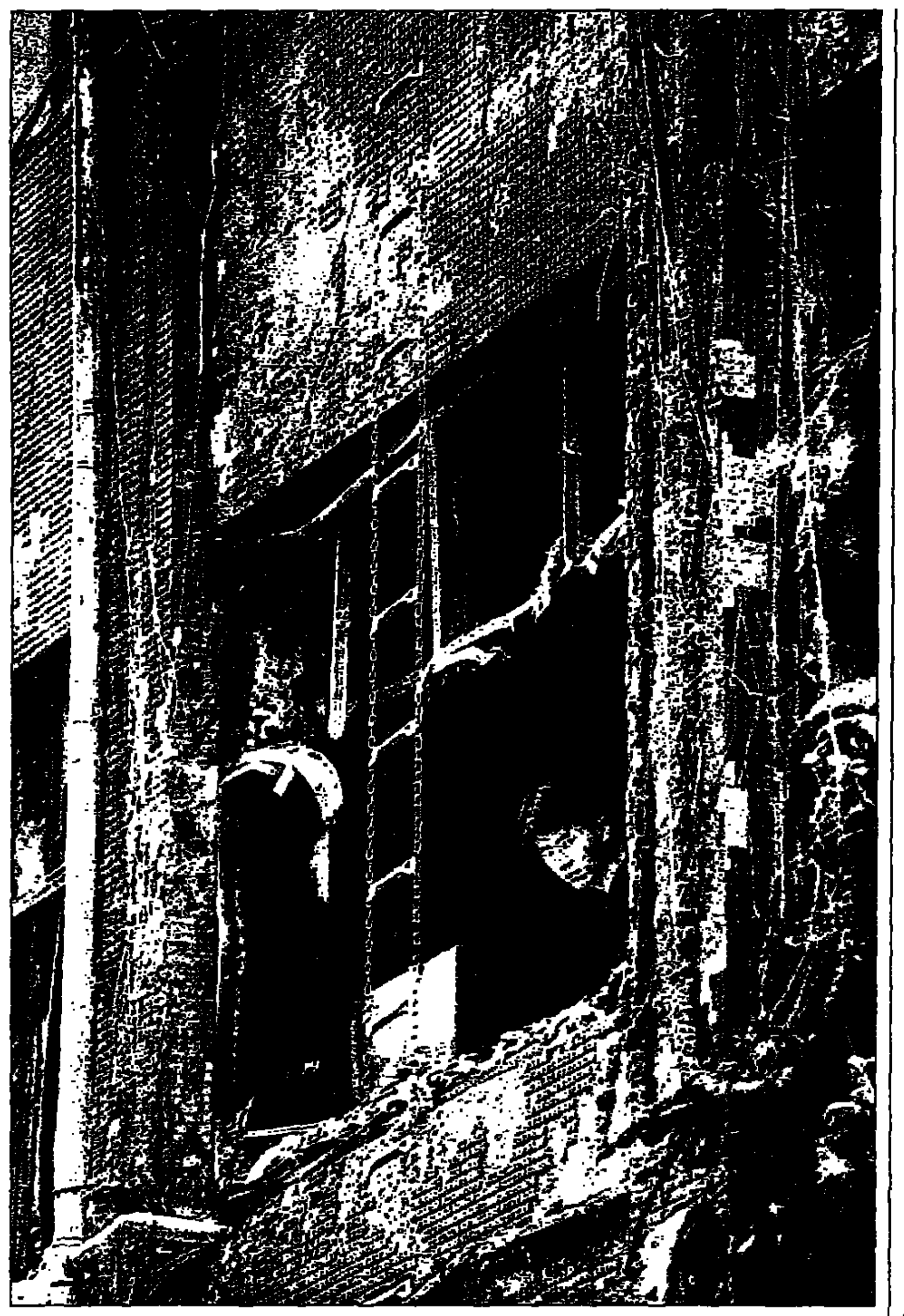
One Foreign Office source put it down to the personal enthusiasm among diplomats and army officers, but added that "Angola is a very rich country". He added: "If we come out of this smelling of roses it certainly won't do us any harm."

After 16 years of civil war, Angolans went to the polls in 1991. However, when Jonas Savimbi, the leader of the Union for Total Independence of Angola (Unita), lost the elections, which were judged to be free and fair by the UN, he withdrew his participation. Government forces then slaughtered men and women working in his campaign offices across the country signalling a return to the conflict that has left a million dead since 1975.

Unita insists that UN policing of the ceasefire is essential to its success. The British troops, mainly from 9th Supply Regiment of the Royal Logistics Corps, Wiltshire, with elements from the Corps of Royal Engineers, Royal Corps of Signals, and a field ambulance unit, face the threat of ill-disciplined soldiers and official obstruction.

The British will be the logistical hub for UN troops from Pakistan, Brazil, Zimbabwe, Uruguay and Kenya.

☐ **Gbadolite:** Dr Savimbi has come out of the bush to visit this Zairean town, raising UN hopes of putting an end to 20 years of civil war. Alouine Blonin Beye, the UN special envoy to Angola, said that the first foreign trip by the head of Unita in three years showed a "fundamental change of approach". *(AFP)*



Police examine the wreckage of the Hymns of Happiness karaoke nightclub after 11 people were killed when a fire swept through the unlicensed parlour in Taipei, Taiwan's capital, early yesterday. Thirty-eight people were rescued. The cause of the blaze was not known, but a waitress said one man had threatened to start a fire before he left. "He was very angry and warned people at the counter to escape," she said. The five-storey building in central Taipei had passed six safety inspections since 1993, but it was not licensed for entertainment activities. Only 179 out of Taipei's 1,258 karaoke parlours are licensed, a Taipei city official said last night. In February, 64 people died in a karaoke parlour and restaurant in the city of Taichung. The victims were trapped behind sealed windows in a three-storey building with only one exit. *(Reuter)*

Sihanouk's prestige keeps Cambodian hopes alive

From James Pringle in Phnom Penh

HE IS one of the world's great survivors, a contemporary and friend of near historical figures such as Nehru, de Gaulle, Tito, Sukarno, Mao and Chou En-lai, and while he sombrely announced last year that he was "going to die very soon", just the other night in his palace here he entertained foreign diplomats for two hours by singing a wide repertoire of songs from swing to pop to Asian folk ballads.

King Norodom Sihanouk, pre-eminent figure in Cambodian politics for the past half century, the last 25 years of which have been marked by unparalleled bloodshed and upheaval, admits, however, that he has had to stop playing the saxophone "because of lack of breath".

Now 72, and having undergone chemotherapy in Peking recently for prostate cancer, the roly-poly Cambodian monarch was deposed in an American-backed republican military coup in 1970, and later was a virtual prisoner of the Khmer Rouge tending a vegetable patch at a palace here, with fear a constant companion, never sure whether he would be allowed to live, or would go the way of children and grandchildren killed in Pol Pot's tyranny. "I shudder to think what would happen here if the King were to depart the scene," noted one Western ambassador. "Because of the respect in which Cambodians hold him, he is the glue that helps hold it all together." Most envoys agree that the King's prestige and political skills are essential for stability in this often near-anarchic land. The King, restored to the throne in 1993 after UN-sponsored polls brought an elected Government to Cambodia, now reigns but does not govern the country he once controlled with a rod of iron, as he himself now admits, during his long decades of rule.

Sihanouk last year when he had chemotherapy

Nowadays, he is a big advocate of human rights and press freedom, for which the coalition shows less taste.

On Sunday, the last day of the Cambodian new year and on the eve of the twentieth anniversary of the Khmer Rouge takeover yesterday, the King, dressed in traditional royal outfit of long-sleeved, gold-buttoned white top over silk trousers and black stockings, presided over a ceremony steeped in centuries of royal ritual. His consort, Queen Monique, sat alongside, watching.

His message was one of reconciliation, though he admitted he did not want to meet people such as Pol Pot in a future incarnation. "Some people killed my grandchildren and other people overthrew me," he said from his plush gilt throne, looking towards former Khmer Rouge and republican members of the present coalition Government. "But I can forgive them."

Saying he had recovered from cancer, he suggested that ministers, courtiers and national assembly members retire to a pavilion where the royal ballet performs, promising more songs. "I am happy — 100 per cent happy," the King said.

Australia 'wrong on Vietnam'

From Associated Press
in Sydney

A FORMER Prime Minister of Australia, whose troops fought alongside Americans in the Vietnam War, says his country should never have entered the conflict.

Sir John Gorton told The Australian newspaper yesterday that initially he supported the war against North Vietnamese Communists because he feared for Australia's security. He changed his mind, however, after he became leader and now regards it as a terrible mistake. "I don't think the war was justified. I don't believe the Vietnamese would have taken over Laos, Burma or Thailand," he said. Sir John was Prime Minister from 1968 to 1971.

His comments follow an admission in a book by Robert McNamara, the former US Defence Secretary, that he and other officials made countless mistakes in the Vietnam War, which America should never have fought.

Sir John said he saw the error of the "domino theory", which held that other countries would fall to communism if South Vietnam was conquered. "We should not have entered into [the war] and neither should the Americans." Australia sent 50,000 troops to the war between 1964 and 1972. About 500 were killed.

Winnie Mandela agrees to step down

Johannesburg: Winnie Mandela announced yesterday that she was resigning immediately as a deputy minister only hours before her dismissal is due to come into effect *(Ray Kennedy writes).*

However, she indicated that she might continue her fight against her sacking in the courts, saying that she had been advised that her second dismissal was illegal.

Christians killed

Zamboanga: Muslim extremists have killed 14 Christian hostages, mutilating and beheading some, while fleeing pursuing troops in the southern Philippines, a survivor said. *(Reuter)*

Minister quits

Manila: Roberto Romulo, the Philippines Foreign Secretary, resigned over the hanging for murder of a Filipino maid in Singapore last month. The move had been recommended by an inquiry.

Last respects

Peking: Chen Yun, a revolutionary veteran and the country's most powerful man after Deng Xiaoping, was cremated after a subdued ceremony. He did not want an elaborate funeral. *(Reuter)*

Ambush fails

Algiers: Ahmed Benaich, head of the Islamic Salvation Army in western Algeria, has survived an ambush by a rival group of Muslim militants, it was reported here by *La Tribune* newspaper. *(AP)*

UN reprimand

Beirut: Four officers with the UN peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon have been reprimanded and moved because they attended military manoeuvres by Israeli forces without permission. *(Reuter)*

Damp squibs

Hong Kong: A fire on a Panamanian container ship carrying 114,000lbs of fireworks was safely extinguished 18 hours after colliding with a Chinese ship in Hong Kong harbour. *(AP)*

Easter tidings

Jindo, South Korea: Tens of thousands of people danced and sang as the Yellow Sea parted between the Jindo and Modo islands, an annual natural spring attraction caused by the pull of gravity. *(AP)*

Man in the 11-car cavalcade named as India's Mr Clean

From Christopher Thomas in Delhi

A SENIOR Indian government official has been named "honest man of the year". The announcement prompted lengthy articles in the main daily newspapers yesterday, as well it might in a country sick of official corruption at every level.

The award went to T. N. Seshan, the chief election commissioner, whose campaign of self-promotion knows no bounds as he positions himself to become the next Prime Minister on the basis of his honesty.

A mere bureaucrat he may be, but he cruises around town in an 11-car cavalcade, windows down so that he can wave and smile at those stuck in the traffic jams he has just created, police sirens wailing as he sweeps by. The £10,200 award, sponsored by an Indian corporation, was presented to him by Chandra Shekhar, a former Prime Minister — paradoxically not a man of the most pristine reputation. This seemed not to dull Mr Seshan's pleasure at the enhancement of his reputation as Mr Clean. "An honest Brahmin cannot do much but to accept the award," he said, pledging to give the money to a trust that he was establishing to work for restoration of the country's dignity.

He has often professed disgust at the decay of standards in public life and has carefully nurtured an aura of personal probity while flatly denying any political ambition. He has finally admitted that he will answer the call if the nation needs him. News of the award failed to eclipse the more familiar litany of complaints about corruption that fill the daily papers.

The *Indian Express* gave prominence yesterday to the antics of electricity meter readers in the prosperous suburbs of south Delhi, where householders never receive monthly bills higher than 350 rupees (£7). In return, they give the meter reader a cash backhander equal to 40 per cent of the actual consumption. Such everyday abuses are the stuff of Mr Seshan's campaign to clean up politics and bureaucracy.

He is playing on public contempt for politicians in the hope of becoming a compromise choice for Prime Minister if, as is likely, the next general election leaves no party with a clear majority.

He is attractive to many people because he has never been a politician and has never been known to have his hand in the till. As chief election commissioner, he has fought an effective campaign against electoral malpractice. He decries the fact that Indians have to grease palms for everything: a passport, a ration card, extra municipal water, a building permit, a telephone, a tax break.

Landlords expect most of the rent in cash: telephone linesmen "sell" your line to a neighbour for long-distance calls that go on your bill; policemen do not give receipts for traffic tickets: politicians are so brazen they no longer bother to hide their rackets. Mr Seshan believes that India craves a leader who will not run off with the silver.

☐ **Bail denied:** An Indian court denied bail yesterday to the multiple murderer, Charles Sobhraj, but the man accused of leaving a trail of corpses across Asia said he still expects to win his freedom in the next few days. He is charged with possessing a pistol after his 1986 escape from jail in Delhi. *(AFP)*

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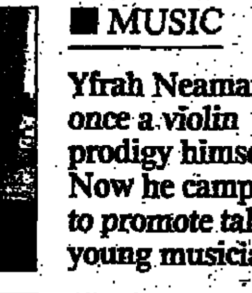

■ MUSIC

Yfrah Neaman was *once a violin* prodigy himself. Now he campaigns *to promote talent in* young musicians

■ POP

They may have been around for seven years, but the Boo Radleys act as if they are still finding their feet

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

IOLANTHE: Roger Norrington conducts the London Philharmonic and *a top quality cast for Gilbert and* Sullivan's satire on British politics. With Sarah Bickley, Sarah Walker and Richard Suart among others.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800). *Tonight, 7.30pm.* ◪

THE MILL ON THE FLOSS: Three actresses (Anne-Marie Duff, Catherine Cusack *and* Helen Schlesinger) play the heroine in Shared Experience's acclaimed production, in London after its national and SE Asian tour. Helen *Edmundson adapts, Nancy Meckler* directs.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Previews tonight, 7.30pm; opens tomorrow ◪

THE LIBERATION OF SKOPJE: Opening night for Vanessa Redgrave and Rade Serbedzija in an epic play about the Resistance in 1940s Macedonia. Yugoslavia's Ljubisa Ristic directs the season opener of Moving Theatre's commemoration, *Memory — May 9, 1945.*
Riverside Studio 1, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2255) Tonight, 7.30pm. Then Tue-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sun, 4pm. Until May 6. ◪

ELSEWHERE

BASINGSTOKE: The dynamic young Russian Yakov Kreizberg, newly appointed principal conductor of *the*

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, continues a demanding programme begun last week: a rare performance of Krenek's dramatic monologue, *Medea*, plus Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 5, *Emperor*, Debussy's *Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune* and Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring*. Pianist John Lill and mezzo soprano Daphne Evangelatos are the soloists.
Anvil, Churchill Lane ◪ (0256 844244). Tonight. Then Wed in **Plymouth**, Pavilions ◪ (0752 222200) and Thurs in **London**, Festival Hall ◪ (0171-928 8800). All at 7.30pm

***NEWCASTLE*: Scottish Ballet** takes its acclaimed *Swan Lake* "south of the border" for a couple of weeks. Artistic director Galina Samsova and designer Jasper Conran have added their own style and glamour to the original choreography, for a production that is not to be missed.
Theatre Royal, Grey Street ◪ (0191-232 2061). *Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats* Thurs, 1.30pm and Sat, 2pm. Then in **Hull**, New Theatre ◪ (0482 226655). Apr 25-29.

BIRMINGHAM: The Alexandra plays host this week to the Gate Theatre Dublin's production of **The Plough and the Stars**. Anita Reeves and *Eamon Morrissey star in the third play* in O'Casey's "Dublin Trilogy", about the events of the 1916 Rebellion. West End bound.
Alexandra, Suffolk Street, Queensway (0121-643 1231). Tonight-Apr 22, *7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.* ◪

STEVENAGE: Three Steps to Heaven, David Cosgrove's 1950's musical, returns: Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper board their doomed plane to Fargo and land in a celestial limbo-land. *Directed by Jeremy* Raison and described as "musically out of this world". Now on national tour.
Gordon Craig, Leisure Centre, Lytton Way (01438 766866). Tonight-Thurs, 7.45pm; Fri, 6pm and 9pm; Sat, 5pm *and 8pm.*

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Allen Jones: *Graphic* Retrospective 1959-1995 (0171-638 4141) . . . **British Museum**. Contemporary Chinese Painting *(0171-636 1555)* . . . **National Gallery**: Spanish Still Life from Velásquez to Goya (0171-839 3321) . . . **National Portrait Gallery**: The Road from 1945 (0171-306 0055) . . . **Royal Academy**: Odilon *Redon (0171-439 7438)* . . . **Tate**. Willem de Kooning (0171-887 8000) . . . **V & A**. Prints of the *Raphael* Cartoons (0171-938 8500) . . .

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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☐ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'**: Exhilaratin' song' n' dance show created from the hits of Fats Waller. Non-stop energy on feet.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-*494 5045). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs,* 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **ALBERTINE IN FIVE TIMES.** Michel Tremblay's fascinating portrayal of a woman at different stages of her life. Miriam Karlin among the cast of five. Madeleine Wynn directs.
Bridewell, Bride Lane (off Fleet St), EC4 (0171-936 3456). Mon-Sat, 7.15pm.

☐ **BROKEN GLASS.** Arthur Miller's *masterly drama, distilling his lifelong* concern with personal responsibility. David Thacker's production, with Henry Goodman and Margot Leicester.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. ◪

☐ **IN PRAISE OF LOVE**: Peter Bowles and Lisa Harrow in Rattigan drama about bravely facing death. Interesting and finally touching as it shows the effects, ill and good, of emotional restraint.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◪ **INDIAN INK**: Felicity Kendal, Art Malik and Margaret Tyzack in Tom *Stoppard's latest, wittily, poignantly,* exploring aspects of Anglo-Indian resentments and respect.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **ONE FINE DAY**: Joe McGann's compelling performance as a devoted dad caught up in a child-abuse case. Dennis Lumborg's engrossing one-man play.
Albery, *St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-*369 1730). Mon-Sat, *8pm; mats Thurs,* 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **OUR BOYS**: Jonathan Lewis's searching drama set in a military hospital *where the soldiers start questioning the* army's commitment to them.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Thurs, 3pm; Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm. ◪

◪ **SIMPATICO**: Ciaran Hinds, Sean McGinley, Janet McTeer and Tony Haygarth in Sam Shepard's first play for a decade. A shared secret from long ago connects two men now living very different lives.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until May 13

■ **UNCLE VANYA.** Field Day's new version, with Stephen Rea in the title role. Goodish details in a production otherwise too sober and restrained.
Tricycle, Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000). *Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats* Apr 26, 2pm and Sats, 4pm. Until Apr 29. Returns at box office from 7pm. ◪

☐ ***UNDER MILK WOOD***: Roger Michell directs Dylan Thomas's justly celebrated evocation of the little town of Llareggub.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm. ◪

☐ **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE:** David Thacker's production, acclaimed in Bristol and Birmingham. Bernard Hill superb as the NY longshoreman consumed by unspeakable love for his niece.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 2pm; Sat and Sun, 3pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia**. Haymarket (0171-930 8800) . . . ◪ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) . . . ☐ **Copacabana**. Prince of Wales (0171-839 5972) . . . ◪ **Grease**: Dominion (0171-416 6060) ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) . . . ☐ **Mama I Want to Sing**: Cambridge (0171-494 5080) . . ☐ **My Night With Reg**: Criterion (0171-839 4488) . . ◪ **A Passionate Woman**. Comedy (0171-369 1731) . . ☐ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (0171-836 8888) . ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) . . . ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE LITTLE RASCALS** (U): Tame *adventures of innocent imps, based on* the *Our Gang* shorts. Penelope Spheeris directs a difficult child cast.
MGMs: Fulham Road ◪ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ *(792 3332)* **Warner** ◪ *(0171-437 4343)*

MURIEL'S WEDDING (15): Ugly duckling becomes swan. Boisterous, queasy Aussie comedy. P.J. Hogan directs Toni Collette, Bill Hunter and Rachel Griffiths.
Barbican ◪ (0171-638 8891) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

ONCE WERE WARRIORS (18). *Forceful New Zealand tale of Maori* culture ravaged by the urban ghetto. Lee Tamahori directs a powerful cast.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Electric** ◪ (0171-792 2020) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) *Haymarket (0171-839 1527)* **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

POETIC JUSTICE (15): Over-ambitious romantic odyssey from *Boyz 'N' the Hood director* John *Singleton, with* Janet Jackson and Tupac Shakur.
MGM Trocadero ◪ (0171-434 0031)

CURRENT

◆ ***AN AWFULLY BIG ADVENTURE*** (15): A teenager's postwar theatre experiences. Fascinating abrasive drama from Beryl Bainbridge's novel. Mike Newell directs Alan Rickman, Hugh Grant and Georgina Cates.
MGMs: Fulham Road ◪ (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) *Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148)* **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (0171-727 6705) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **DISCLOSURE** (18): Michael Douglas says no to Demi Moore. Superficially enjoyable version of Michael Crichton's sexual harassment novel. Director, Barry Levinson.
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◆ **DUMB & DUMBER** (12): Idiotic, good-natured comedy that outstays its welcome, with Jim Carrey and Jeff *Daniels. Director, Peter Farrelly.*
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426 915683) ***Marble Arch*** *(01426 914501)* **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **FAR FROM HOME** (U): Apple-cheeked family film about a boy and his dog trekking home from a boatwreck.
MGM Trocadero ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **JUST CAUSE** (18): Harvard law professor Sean Connery wrestles with a *murder case in Florida. Ludicrous investigative thriller, with Laurence* Fishburne. Director, Arne Glimcher.
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THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE (PG): Nigel Hawthorne reigns supreme as Alan Bennett's tormented monarch. A fine film transfer by Nicholas Hytner, with Helen Mirren and Ian Holm.
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◆ **NOBODY'S FOOL** (15): Endearing slice of small-town Americana, with Paul Newman, Melanie Griffith, Bruce Willis and Jessica Tandy. Writer-director, Robert Benton.
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◆ **QUIZ SHOW** (15): Director Robert Redford resurrects a TV scandal of the late 1950s. Fine performances (John Turturro, Ralph Fiennes, Paul Scofield), but not enough bite, or relevance.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

SHALLOW GRAVE (18): Wickedly enjoyable comedy-thriller about three Edinburgh chums and a corpse loaded with money. Danny Boyle directs Kerry Fox, Christopher Eccleston and Ewan McGregor.
MGM Trocadero ◪ (0171-434 0031)

How to play with fire

MARTIN BEDDALL

Yfrah Neaman passing on his skill to his pupil Guo Xing, a former winner of the All-China Violin Competition

Michael Church

on the remarkable career of the violin teacher, Yfrah Neaman

At around eight most mornings, a small grey-haired man sprints past my London window, and a few *minutes later sprints* back the other way. Meet Yfrah Neaman, collecting his paper, and keeping fit at 72. You may have heard him recently on Radio 3, talking about Myra Hess's National Gallery concerts during the Second World War: Neaman was one of those who played while the firebombs fell.

Today in Mainz, Germany *he will be presiding over the* jury at the biennial Yfrah Neaman Violin Competition, which brings adolescent virtuosos from all over the world. As a former prodigy who escaped the Holocaust by a fluke, and then fought his way to the top, he seeks out talent and campaigns ceaselessly to *promote it.*

The son of a Palestinian biblical scholar, he was initially more interested in football than in the violin he was given at six. Fired, however, by Kreisler and Heifetz when they came to perform in Tel Aviv, he blossomed as a musician and was sent to study at the Paris Conservatoire, where he graduated with the top prize at 14.

The outbreak of war marooned him and his mother in a fishing port near Biarritz, where he was studying with the great Jacques Thibaud. Their escape to London was straight out of the movies. Told by the British consul to keep an eye on a particular *bookshop window*, Neaman ran up from the beach one day to find a cryptic notice: "Embarcation starts at midnight." Darkness and drizzle; a tense crowd of Jews and wounded soldiers on the quay; a communal pile of belongings; the last Allied ship waiting to take them to safety.

He had already studied in London with Carl Flesch, the *first maestro to "codify" the* art of violin-playing. Now he was taken on — gratis, since he was penniless — by Max Rostal. The Whitehall official responsible for refugees insisted that Neaman work in a war factory, even though he had joined CEMA, the admirable scheme by which musicians went round cheering up workers and patients in hospitals.

One Sunday morning in 1944, the phone rang. Rostal had broken a wrist: could Neaman stand in with the LSO that afternoon? By chance the critic James Agate happened to be present, and praised Neaman at ecstatic length. Whitehall kept him banged up in his factory until *the end of the war, but at least* he had got his break.

He quickly made his name as a new-music virtuoso, premiering works by Copland, Bernstein, Lutyens and many others. "But gradually I realised that I wanted to pass on what I had learnt from my own two great teachers, Flesch and Rostal."

Flesch, he says, was the first *to show systematically how* any given sound could be produced. "Even today," says Neaman, "there are people who find this idea unpalatable, who prefer a direct line from God to the player, untrammelled by calculation." But Flesch's lessons were daunting. "They were open to anyone who wanted to drop in and listen. It might be Fritz Kreisler who happened to be in town, and there were always fellow musicians and their parents."

A violin professor at the Guildhall, Neaman has developed his own graceful variant on the Socratic masterclass, with students giving real performances on which outsiders *are welcome to eavesdrop*. As he gives similar classes all over the world, he is uniquely placed to chart trends, and in particular the great shift eastwards.

Once the great violinists came out of Odessa. Now they come increasingly from Korea and Japan. The one thing that has not changed is the pushing, chaperoning parent. "The *Jewish mama has* been transformed into the Far Eastern mama," he observes. "When I teach in Korea, for example, the mother comes along with cassette, notebook and pen, and she in effect directs the show." But there is a significant difference in emphasis. "A typical Far Eastern parent will say to me afterwards, 'Thank you so much for giving skill to my child.' Not great artistry, not understanding of music — skill."

Neaman's tutorial successes are everywhere. The Chinese virtuoso Xue Wei, the Baroque specialist John Holloway, and Geoffrey *Trabichoff, leader of the BBC* Scottish Symphony Orchestra, all learnt their art from him. The up-and-coming Hengrave Quartet take their name from the summer school he runs annually in Suffolk.

At last year's closing concert at Hengrave Hall two players stood out as exceptional. One was a power-packed young woman called Ervis Gega, whose *family* had fled Ceausescu's persecution, and whose talent Neaman had spotted, despite her evident untutoredness and her pathetically battered instrument. Another was a Chinese boy called Yi Wang with whom Neaman had offered to play Bach's double concerto "as a diplomatic gesture to the Chinese Youth Orchestra". Realising his potential, Neaman had pulled strings with grant-awarding trusts to get him a place at the Guildhall.

Guo Xing is a former winner of the All-China Violin Competition who is now also studying with Neaman, as her brother did before. He is now studying abroad, driven away *by the lack of funding here.* Why, asks Neaman, with real anger breaking through his old-world courteousness, should tuition for foreign students be free in Germany, Paris and Vienna, but not in London? Good question.

● *The Fifth International Yfrah Neaman Violin Competition is at Mainz until April 23*

POP: Curiously muted performance from an exuberant band

Tightly buttoned Boos

The Boo Radleys
Astoria

THE *Boo Radleys have made* such a dramatic splash this year that they seem like a newer group than they actually are. *Wake Up* may be their first No 1 hit, but it is their fourth album, and it is now seven years since the band was founded in Liverpool.

But for all that, the impression of an act still finding its feet was only confirmed by this curiously muted perfor*mance at the end of a sold-out* British tour.

Despite their impeccable alternative/indie credentials, the Boo Radleys are a deeply traditional pop-rock act, and *their show was a straightfor*ward celebration of conventional singing, playing and songwriting crafts. Nothing *wrong with that. But it seemed* at times as if the exuberance of their best numbers — *Find The Answer Within*, *Twinside* and the sublime *Wake Up Boo!* — *was at odds with their* resolutely subdued stage manner.

Beginning with *I Hang Suspended* and *Barney (. . . And Me)*, both songs to be found on their critically applauded album of 1993, *Giant Steps*, they established a solid, guitar-dominated *sound. The bald, besuited Sice* sang in a clear, high register and played rhythm guitar, while guitarist Martin Carr, who writes all the band's songs, maintained a retiring presence on the sidelines, dispatching his various tightly-scripted solos with a minimum of fuss.

Everyone wore jackets which, despite the stifling heat, remained in place to the end. And despite occasional touches of drama, notably during *I've Lost The Reason*, there was a similarly buttoned-up feel to the performance as a while.

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■ VISUAL ART 1

Kettle's Yard marks the centenary of Jim Ede, whose art collection was a revelation to many Cambridge students

■ VISUAL ART 2

Illustrator or painter? London gets the chance to reassess the patchy career of Scottish artist James Gunn

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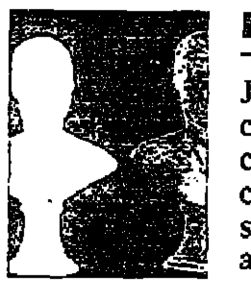


■ VISUAL ART 3

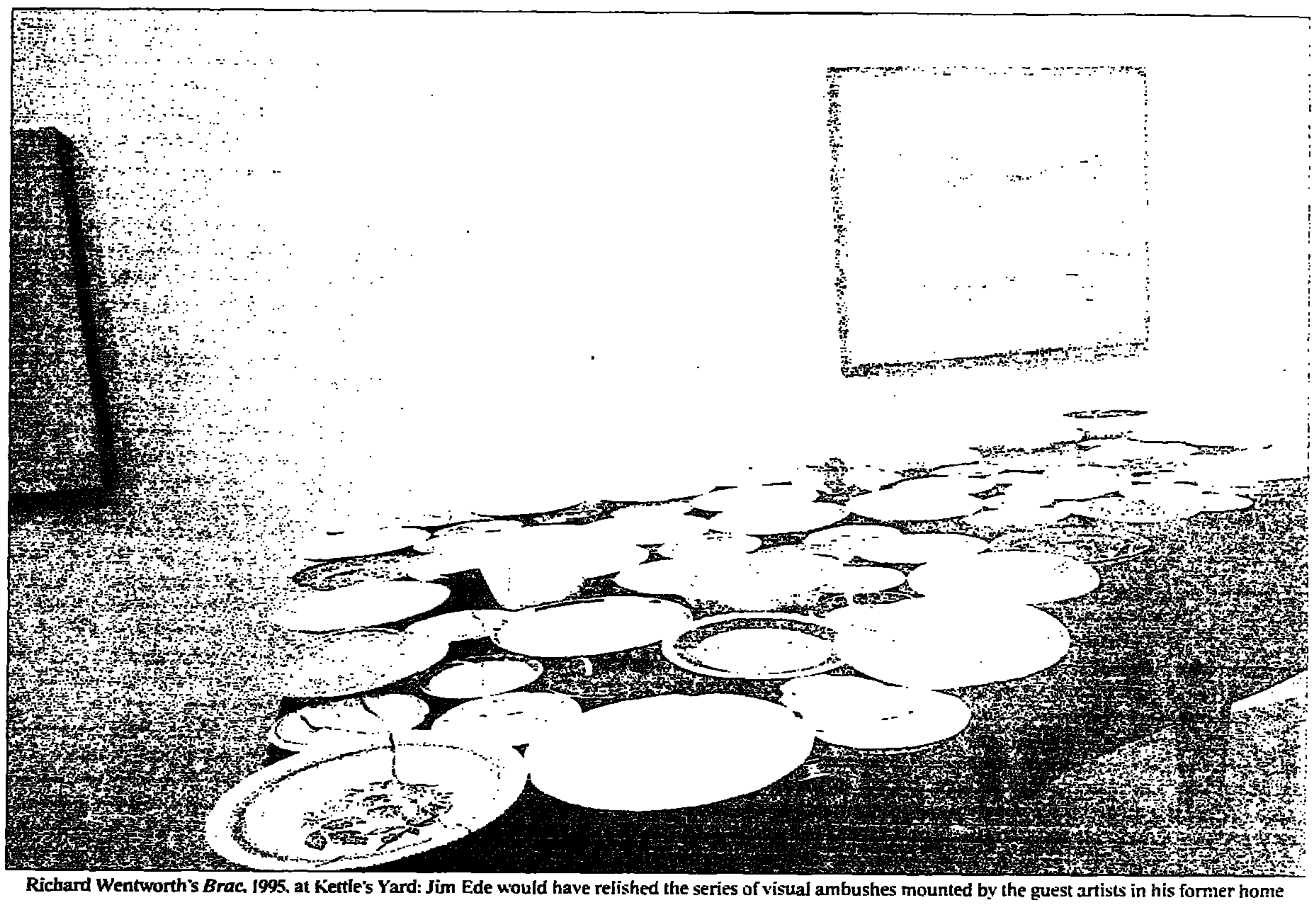
Janine Antoni bites, chews, moulds and casts ordinary chocolate, lard and soap in her work about women

■ THEATRE

Laurence Boswell directs an excellent touring production of John Mortimer's drama, *A Voyage Round My Father*

At home with the modern

Richard Cork enjoys a centenary tribute to one of the great champions of 20th-century art, Jim Ede of Kettle's Yard in Cambridge



Richard Wentworth's *Brac*, 1995, at Kettle's Yard: Jim Ede would have relished the series of visual ambushes mounted by the guest artists in his former home

Jim Ede, whose centenary is being celebrated at Kettle's Yard in Cambridge, was a godsend to many of the students who visited his unique collection. Anyone was welcome at the house he had created. Jim delighted in showing them round, and sharing his enthusiasm for the idiosyncratic blend of objects assembled there. One moment, viewers found themselves face-to-face with a Brancusi bronze head, casually perched on a piano top. The next, they passed on to a cluster of purged white pebbles nestling near a window-seat filled with well-nurtured plants.

I first rang the ancient doorbell at Kettle's Yard in 1965. As an undergraduate hungry for contact with art of all kinds, I was appalled by Cambridge's lack of interest in the 20th century. The Fitzwilliam Museum was at that stage locked in the past, so Ede's involvement with modern work came as a tonic. Here was a man who had visited Brancusi's studio on many occasions and clearly learnt a great deal there about how to display art in sympathetic, light-saturated surroundings. He would pause beside Miró's quirky little *Tic Tic*, and recall how he had been given the painting in a Paris café by the artist himself.

Above all, Jim talked about his friendship with Ben Nicholson and Barbara Hepworth, his neighbours in Hampstead during the inter-war years. He met them at a time when they were struggling, both for critical recognition and for patrons who would collect their work. Ede was able to acquire their paintings and sculpture very cheaply. I remember how refreshing it was to meet someone who had supported, at its inception, the best British modernism of the period. And Jim was eager to share his good fortune with us, freely allowing students to borrow superb pictures from his collection and hang them in our rooms.

While Ede remained at Kettle's Yard, the main focus always rested on the unique interplay between artworks and all the other objects which he displayed with such deftness. Now that he is dead, though, the challenge is to preserve the spirit of Kettle's Yard without letting it ossify.

Luckily, the resourceful director, Michael Harrison, is just the man to strike the necessary balance between conservation and renewal. Armed with a handsome new extension to his temporary exhibition space, he has marked Ede's centenary by moving many of the major paintings and sculpture away from their customary places. Displayed for the moment in a sequence of plain white rooms, they can be viewed afresh. Eyes accustomed to seeing them in their familiar locations, next to light switches with their inner workings exposed, will find plenty of surprises here. Even Nicholson's earliest and most tentative oils of the 1920s look unexpectedly magisterial in their new setting. David Jones's visionary watercolours, fortified by felicitous loans, have never looked more ecstatic.

> ‘Jim was eager to share his good fortune with us’

By no means all the important items in the collection have been transplanted. Most of the drawings and sculpture by Gaudier-Brzeska, whose reputation Jim did so much to nurture, remain in their customary places. But Harrison has made sure that nothing remains unchanged. His most exciting idea is to have invited nine artists to respond to Kettle's Yard and make work specially for the spaces they found there. Some of the results are spectacularly disruptive, and they have upset some longstanding devotees of Ede's house. But I do not believe that Ede would himself have been dismayed. Far from it: his puckish sense of humour, and love of innovation, are likely to have relished the series of visual ambushes mounted by the guest artists.

The invaders appear where you least expect them. Open the lid of an antique desk, and you discover a pile of crushed white painkillers deposited inside. Tim Head, who placed them there, is the most subversive exhibitor. He clearly wanted to challenge the tranquillity which Ede cherished. Elsewhere, Head has pushed a pile of broken plastic beakers under an old table. They lie there in mock disgrace, typifying the kind of found objects that Ede would never have wanted to display. But he always recognised the artist's right to experiment, and none of the guests has felt inhibited about disturbing the mood of bleached refinement at Kettle's Yard.

Sit down on one of the sofas and the chances are that you will find yourself recoiling from a serpent-like sculpture placed on the cushion by Richard Deacon. Made of felt and horse-hair, this eerie creature reappears in front of a fireplace and on the attic bed. It follows us round the house like a stealthy intruder, and several other artists do their best to upset the equilibrium as well.

The top of the grand piano in the recital area is normally a haven of impeccable serenity. But the impish Richard Wentworth, whose one-person show at the Lisson Gallery rejoices in the same desire to surprise, has covered the entire surface with broken crockery. Unlike Ede, who obtained many of his cracked plates from Cambridge colleges, Wentworth bought his at an East End street market. He broke and glued every one, as a tongue-in-cheek tribute to Jim's habit of mending the Kettle's Yard plates with fastidious care.

Michael Craig-Martin focused on furniture. In a space occupied by some of Gaudier-Brzeska's finest bronzes and carvings, he has painted the whole of one sloping wall a shameless pink. It clashes head-on with Ede's partiality for white surfaces, and on this provocative puce sea Craig-Martin has floated the image of a wooden chair. By highlighting one of the more modest objects in the house, the painting invites us to look at everything rather than concentrating on the artworks alone. Ian Hamilton Finlay performs a similar service. On a nearby table, where orderly rings of stone normally lie undisturbed, he has incised one of the largest with a typically pithy observation: "Kettle's Yard Cambridge is *The Louvre* of the Pebble."

As for Judith Goddard, she directs attention towards the room once inhabited by Jim's wife Helen. I remember her as a retiring, rarely seen figure, content to let her gregarious husband perform the hospitable role with aplomb. But Goddard opens up Helen's sanctum. A perspex sheet installed in the doorway enables us to peer into the room. Here, a video monitor has been installed, and it transmits the images received from a camera perpetually surveying the room. Sometimes the screen is dominated by a bed or a chest-of-drawers which Helen herself once used. At other moments, though, we find ourselves gazing at the view through the window, or contemplating the calm luminosity of the ceiling. Goddard seems to be inviting us to look at the room as Helen might have done, and the device brings us closer to a woman whose presence at Kettle's Yard was often overlooked.

Ultimately, though, the domain is memorable because of the art it contains. The surroundings are important, of course, and they offer a delightful corrective to the notion that paintings and sculpture can only be placed in the severe context of a museum. But at the heart of what Jim described as a "way of life" lie the works themselves. And Catherine Yass implicitly recognises their central importance in choosing Hepworth's *Three Personages* as the subject of her contribution. Yass has taken two photographs of the sculpture, and displays them in light boxes positioned at some distance from the work. Rather than diminishing the Hepworth, they enhance it. Yass's hallucinatory colours and grasp of the revealing vantage celebrate the sculpture, forming a tribute from a young woman artist to a forerunner.

Ede would surely have loved the reciprocity between them, and immediately set about explaining, in his quiet yet excited voice, how Yass's images encourage us to see Hepworth's sculpture as if for the very first time.

- ● Open House: two exhibitions for Jim Ede's centenary *at Kettle's Yard (01223 352124) until May 8*
- ● Richard Wentworth *has a show at the Lisson Gallery, London (0171-724 2739) until Saturday*

THEATRE: Mortimer's memories revived

Paternal verities

A Voyage Round My Father
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Laurence Olivier and Alan Bates moved into John Mortimer's parental home to film the barrister-turned-writer's autobiographical drama. Laurence Boswell's excellent touring production of *A Voyage Round My Father*, with Robert Lang as the blind, destructive yet enduringly droll father, and Mark Tandy as his frustrated yet fond son, simply has a doll's house. Child-sized, or perhaps small because distantly remembered, its lights are still on inside.

This is a memory play with minimal *mise-en-scène*. Idit Nathan's square box set, if somewhat puzzlingly tiled like a bath house, has the power of simplicity.

Boswell directs with honed skill while starting from bold theatricality. The opening "sound bites" of the Father's acutely eloquent speech, resurfacing in the Son's memory, are spoken like distinctly "delivered" poetry. Lang talks of the evening earwig hunt, his eccentric home ritual of drowning the little blighters in a bucket, in a rhythmically halting, singsong voice. The adult Tandy stands listening on a stepladder, perhaps back in his childhood in the orchard, perhaps climbing into the attic and rediscovering his half-forgotten past.

Tandy is gently riveting, moving effortlessly between being a participant and a spectator of childhood scenes replayed (with above average juvenile actors). He watches his schoolboy self telling outrageous fibs about his parents and innocently swallowing bad, absurdly British advice on sex from his schoolmasters, with a blend of humorous wryness and almost paternal concern. The pain of the family relationships could be pushed fractionally. The comedy is wonderfully done, but the grief could accumulate.

Perhaps Mortimer's Father might cut deeper with his acerbic *apercus*, or reveal slightly more vulnerability when his grown son corrects his vision of London as years out of date. However, Lang's portrayal is beautifully complex: portly, red-faced, with a potent turn of phrase yet a curiously fading voice; eternally distant but with a whisper of paternal care: cynical and cruel yet with a wicked sense of humour that, on just one occasion, blossoms into a warm shared laugh.

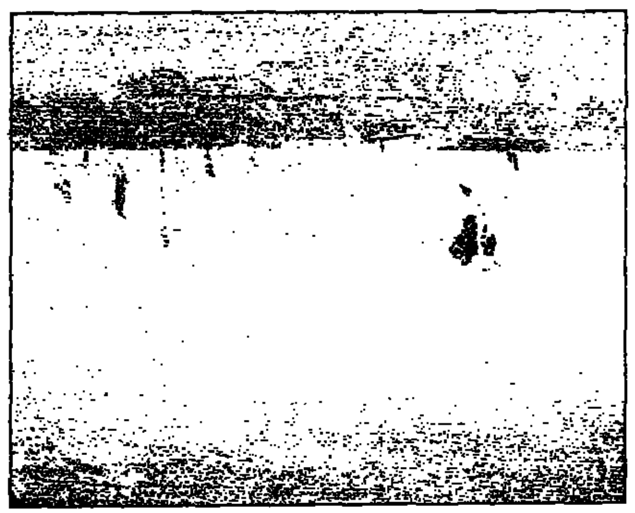
Lynn Farleigh, as his wife, a surprisingly small part, is patiently suffering with the tiniest shadow of gritted teeth. Kristin Marks gives a strong performance as her more independent, fiercer, admirably honest daughter-in-law.

The remaining cast double compactly for the minor parts with slightly excessive caricatures from Mary Roscoe but flamboyantly funny vignettes from David Fielder. His begowned schoolteacher slurs his way through geometry like a drunken crow. As a loopy applicant for divorce proceedings, his Mr Morrow twitches like a parakeet in his sad mac.

KATE BASSETT

Talent glossed over

A retrospective of Sir James Gunn reveals early promise dulled by success



The Grand Palais from the Invalides, Paris, 1912 — like other Scots, Gunn was drawn to southerly light

To the left, the late King sits, tweed-clad, legs crossed, immaculate from the brilliantined hair to the highly-polished brogues, with dog, needless to say, behind the chair. In the centre, the Queen Mother is at the tea-table, Georgian teapot in hand. To the right, the present Queen, then Princess Elizabeth, sits expectantly, and Princess Margaret stands, apparently about to sit. And all around the gracious neo-gothic interior of the Royal Lodge at Windsor. The year is 1950, the image unforgettable.

But who painted it? And however memorable the image may be, is it actually a very good painting? The answer to the first is easy enough to discover at the Fine Art Society, where the retrospective of **Sir James Gunn** which started last year at the Scottish National Portrait Gallery has recently arrived. The painting is right at the entrance, and it must be said that it is not altogether encouraging. It is competent enough, of course, and one cannot but admire the skill with which Gunn paints the shoes of the royal group.

The worry remains. Is not the picture, in its positive qualities as well as its limitations, the work of an illustrator rather than a painter? If there is a line to be drawn somewhere between the two disciplines — and surely there is, wherever it comes — Gunn seems to be definitely on the side of the glossy magazines. But such judgments always need to be tested.

Nowadays, little by little the great panjandrums of British painting at mid-century are being looked at again, and one can never be too sure in advance what one will find. Frequently, as with Gerald Kelly and Gunn, there seems to be a core passion for paint which gradually gets overlaid by the pressures of making a living, of keeping up a position in society.

Like Kelly, Gunn was very good in his early twenties at sparkling, almost instantaneous beach scenes. Just before the First World War he was studying in Paris; early in the war he was stationed in northern France. Like many Scottish painters he was drawn to the blanching light of the Mediterranean, southern Spain or North Africa. The almost-abstraction of *From My Window, Ronda* (1914) is brilliantly caught, as only a real painter could. The glowing beaches of Etretat (or Ramsgate) are vividly rendered in several paintings of the early Twenties. In *Gwen Sewing* (circa 1920), for a moment Gunn looks like a Scottish Colourist.

Most of the later portraits are frankly dull, but even among them there is an occasional interestingly ambiguous image, like *Pauline Waiting* of 1939, where the fashionably dressed woman sits abstractly among people taking tea in some grand hotel. Another good man led astray by the lures of worldly success? Perhaps. At least we now have a clearer idea how good he was to begin with.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

● Sir James Gunn 1893-1964 *is at the Fine Art Society, 148 New Bond Street, W1 (0171-629 5161). Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, until Friday*

AROUND THE GALLERIES

EACH of Craigie Horsfield's photographs is unique, developed to a huge scale from a store of available negatives. The negatives are from pictures which might have been taken by him in any year between 1971 and now, and in any place, from Oxford or East London to Germany or Poland.

The large scale, with the images often reaching from floor to ceiling in this domestically scaled gallery, gives the work a particularly imposing presence. The viewer's relationship with each picture is highly physical.

Horsfield's exhibitions all follow the same principle. There are views of machinery, industrial containers, nude women and portraits. Much of the imagery is full and frontal, the edge of the subject often riding off the side of the picture.

The portraits give a sense of familiarity, and yet the generality of art allows a distance to be maintained. A woman turns her head away: she has strong black eyebrows, but shoulders and breasts are caught with varying degrees of attention, detail and focus.

The pictures take time to reveal themselves; they demand the sort of attention and focus that suggests early attempts to construct physical sense out of the broken surface of a Pointillist or Cubist painting.

Without special effects or manipulative juggling Horsfield lets pictures of the familiar suggest experiences that are common and general.

Frith Street Gallery, 59-60 Frith Street, London W1 (0171 494 1550), until May 6

☐ A CONTINUOUS video of Janine Antoni swabbing the floor with her hair explains the marks on the floor in Glasgow's CCA gallery; elsewhere there are discarded empty hair-dye containers. In *Lick and Lather* a series of twee self-portrait busts made from chocolate or soap sit on neoclassical plinths and dominate the main gallery. Antoni literally bites, chews, moulds, and casts chocolate, lard and soap in order to carry generalised ideas about women to a physical conclusion. But sometimes the activity is out of step with the intention.

CCA, 350 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow (0141 332 7521) until Saturday

☐ Wendy Smith's drawings are extremely exact and use a vocabulary reminiscent of architectural drawing. But instead of being concerned with rigour, purity or the "logic" of geometry, the pictures are complicated, elaborate and obsessive. A single viewpoint is exchanged for a multi-faceted one. A series of opaque gouaches in dense greens and pinks create a surprising level of tension from apparently limited means, while a piece of engraved glass leans against the wall like a remnant of Gothic industrial architecture.

Gilmour Gallery, 1 Colville Place, London W1 (0171 637 4863), until Friday

☐ Gary Hume makes shiny-faced paintings in glossy enamel paint. At times he draws, almost carves, into the surface to produce light graphic touches. The paintings are not of anything exactly recognisable, and yet they are not really abstract in the conventional sense. The infinite potential of Hume's hit-and-miss approach to imagery is reflected in a deliberately strange use of contrasting colour.

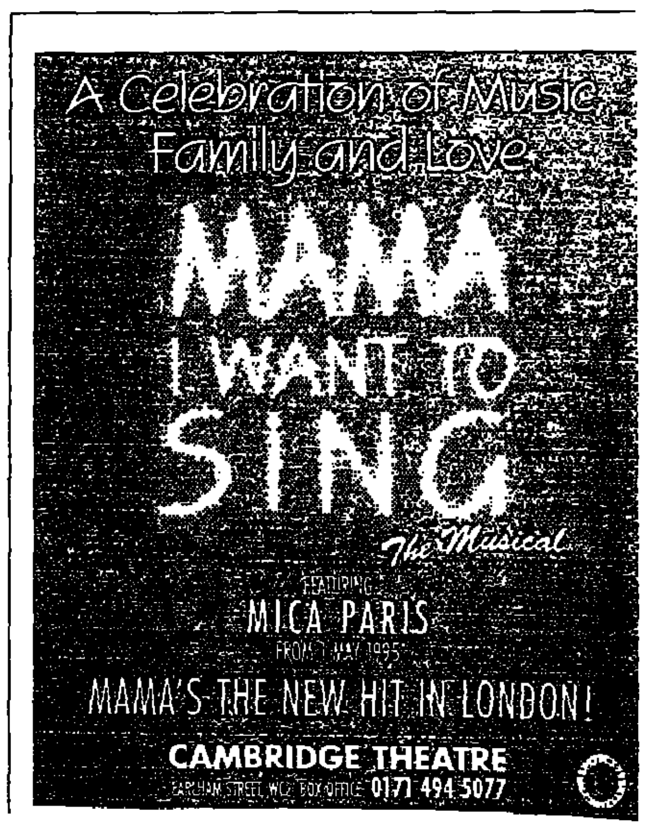
White Cube, 44 Duke Street, St James's, London (0171 930 5373) until May 13

☐ Under the title *Couldn't Get Ahead* curator Adam McEwan has brought together a mock tool-workshop by Bob and Roberta Smith: a collaged "family tree" of jewellery by Andrea Bowers; a CD as part of the catalogue; a screenplay written by Georgina Starr; and a barely completed model of an abandoned Modernist house by Sam Durant. With time, the adolescent atmosphere starts to look deliberate. Nothing is meant to be quite right in this roughly finished but effective mass of scrambled and awkward memories.

Independent Art Space, 23a Smith Street, London SW3 (0171 259 9232) to May 13

SACHA CRADDOCK

Jennifer Horsfield, Kraków, March 1973, from Craigie Horsfield's show



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Many of the 55,000 people taken to hospital in Britain each year with broken hips will not get all the treatment they need, says **Dr Thomas Stuttaford**

Many a slip after a fractured hip

NEARLY 200 years after the death of William Windham, the 18th-century statesman, from a fractured hip, orthopaedic surgeons are still confronted by the same problems as those presented by his case, and rather more often than is supposed. The patient, like Windham, dies.

William Windham achieved fame as Secretary at War against revolutionary France. In 1810, while staying at Felbrigg, his Norfolk estate now owned by the National Trust, Windham went to help a neighbour whose library was on fire. He fell off a ladder, fractured his *hip, was operated on rather* later than would now be the case and died a few days after surgery. Recently, the *British Medical Journal* has reported the result of a survey in various hospitals in East Anglia into the differences of the death rate after fracture of the hip. The investigating team studied the treatment and outcome in 500 consecutive cases in which patients had fractured the neck of the femur, the section of the thigh bone that forms part of the hip joint.

The patients were admitted to eight different hospitals in the region, all of which had orthopaedic units accustomed to dealing with major traumatic surgery. The hospitals served the same type of districts and the patients' background, age, sex and occupations before admission were all very similar. But there the similarity ended; in the first 90 days after surgery, the death rate, depending on the hospital to which the patient had been admitted, varied from 5 to 24 per cent.

At the time of William Windham's accident, surgery was delayed because there was no means of uniting the fracture; his operation was merely to evacuate blood, puss and debris from the site. Today, although delay costs lives, 245 of the operations were postponed for more than *24 hours*; in 192 of these there were no clinical grounds for waiting to operate.

Post-operatively, patients were at risk of suffering wound infections, deep vein thromboses, pulminary emboli, urinary tract infections, pneumonia and heart attacks. Pre-existing heart disease doubled the death rate. Women did better than men — being male almost tripled the mortality rate.

The survey showed that no single factor made a difference between life and death. Survival was more likely in those hospitals in which there was a well-tried drill put into practice by experienced surgeons, supported by skilled nurses and other allied professions.

However, four factors seem to be of great importance: the routine use of anticoagulents which — with the advent of low molecular weight heparin — is now safe, adequate prophylatic antibiotic cover, early mobilisation and early surgery.

While having dinner with an orthopaedic surgeon in Norwich recently, it was reassuring to learn that should I emulate Windham and topple off a ladder, I would have as a matter of routine at my local hospital low molecular weight heparin. Even so, it is worrying to think that, judging from this survey, half of the 55,000 patients admitted to hospital in Britain each year with fractured hips will *not* be able to count on routine anticoagulents, that 50 per cent will not be persuaded out of bed the day after surgery and that a considerable minority will not be guaranteed necessary surgery within 24 hours of admission.

Given a new breath of life

An MP tells **Aileen Ballantyne** how a lung transplant saved him from certain death

A Labour MP, consultant neurosurgeon and mountaineer, Sam Galbraith has conquered the Eiger, the Matterhorn and Mont Blanc. But nothing in his once apparently charmed life could have prepared *him* for the battle that he now fights every day — staying cheerful, dedicated and motivated after a success*ful lung transplant that has* left him with only 50 per cent of normal lung capacity.

His life now depends on *taking drugs to counteract* both the possibility of his body rejecting the donated lung, and on top of that, a similar *quantity of drugs to counteract* the side-effects of the very drugs that prevent rejection.

His annual lung biopsy, *carried out two weeks ago*, showed no sign of his rejecting the single lung transplant carried out in January 1990. *The operation was done when* he and his doctors at the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, were counting his *remaining* days *in single fig*ures. In 1987 he had developed a rare lung disease, fibrosing alveolitis, in which healthy *lungs are overcome by fibrous* tissue, eventually leading to lung failure.

The first warning Mr Gal*braith got was when he had to* return home from a skiing trip in the Cairngorms after what he had first thought was only *flu. A course of antibiotics* failed to clear the slight pneumonia and a colleague eventually suggested further checks.

Mr Galbraith, 49, MP for Strathkelvin and Bearsden, who has a first-class honours degree and was the top student *in medicine in his year at* Glasgow University in 1971, is fiercely anti-smoking and has never smoked in his life.

The disease affects only three in every 100,000 people in Britain, and its cause continues to baffle doctors. It is not inherited, although in a tiny percentage of all cases *there is more than one case in* the family. Unluckily, Mr Galbraith's family was among that minority. His sister, Kath*erine, died in 1990, the year he* had his lung transplant. She was 45.

Sam Galbraith: daily battle

Unlike emphysema, the dis*ease's development is not re*lated to smoking or other pollutants or irritants. Mr Galbraith is one of the first *recipients of a lung transplant*, and one of a growing number of transplant patients now able to live a normal life. His *experience shows that behind* the "success" stories we often read about is a lengthy struggle to attain normality.

His most vivid recollection, on returning home at Easter in 1990 after three months spent in the Freeman, is his first walk to the shops near his home. "I collected my first prescription from the chemist and came out carrying three *carrier bags of drugs," he says*. "That road had always seemed flat to me, but when I first got out of hospital, even *getting up it was a real* struggle."

He has gradually built up the stamina and muscle bulk *lost through his illness and* hospitalisation. He started by pushing the eldest of his three daughters, Mharai, now aged *six, to the shops in her* pushchair when she was about a year old.

Since then, the enormous *number of drugs* has been greatly reduced. At the beginning he was on 15 different types — *now there are four*. He *takes cyclosporin, the immu*nosuppressant drug which has revolutionised the success of transplantation in recent *years. Unlike steroids, cyclo*sporin does not have to suppress the immune system so radically to prevent the donor *organ from being rejected*. Nor does it have the severe side-effects such as diabetes and serious high blood pres*sure produced by steroids*.

Every Sunday night Mr Galbraith lays out his week's supply of drugs — cyclosporin *and azathioprine, another im*munosuppressant. Then there are two more to deal with the effects of the first two: *nifedipine, an anti-hyperten*sive drug, and cotrimoxazole, an antibiotic which he must take for three days every week.

This is the most unpleasant of all, he says, as it causes leth*argy and nausea. It is* essential, however, because the drugs that depress his immune system render him *susceptible to a dangerous*, rarely found form of pneumonia, known as pneumonocystis carini.

Since his discharge, his strength has increased greatly and, as well as working the demanding hours of an MP, commuting between a *Glas*gow constituency and Westminster, he now goes hill walking regularly, both at the *Campsie Fells near his home* and further afield. He is disparaging, however, about the lung capacity he has, *saying it would be fine for* someone who simply walked around city streets and sat at a desk, but not for someone, like *him, who once skied*, rowed and climbed in the Alps and the Himalayas.

As with many surgeons, *sport is enormously important* to him, and remains so, despite the fact that he opted for the life of an MP — a decision *taken before his illness*.

He has refused to let the lack of ability to undertake demanding sports alter his life *radically. He still spends most* weekends with his wife and three daughters walking on the beach at Strachur in Argyll, *where the family have* a chalet. "I have never turned myself into a townie," he says.

The first sign he was getting better, *friends said, was when* his cynicism returned. He shared the anonymous donor's lungs with another per*son*. "A *single lung allows* someone else to have the other," he says. "That's why it's known as the socialist *operation*."

He says his recovery from the transplant took about a year and a half. During that *time, as an MP, he also won a* battle to improve the quality of life for transplant patients in Scotland by helping to per*suade the Government to open* a heart-and-lung transplant unit in Glasgow. Until then, about one third of the patients *at the Freeman came from* Scotland. He argued that this meant increased difficulty in the months spent in hospital recovering *from a transplant* many miles from friends and family, and a greater risk of infection on long journeys back to the hospital for regular check-ups.

He had a one in three chance of dying on the waiting list

Mr Galbraith describes himself as a typical surgeon "type" — arrogant and aggressive. All surgeons are, he says, *because if they cannot say "no* one else could have done it better", they could not cope when a patient dies after *surgery*.

He had always believed that doctors carried out too many unnecessary tests — but only *when he became a patient did* he fully understand how much this affected the public. While recovering in the Freeman, he *said, his heart would sink on* hearing the words "another X-ray for Sam", because of the sheer physical effort involved *in being wheeled around the* hospital, waiting in line, and holding his hands in a particular position in his weakened *state*. "I always *used to think I* understood," he says, "but you have to be a patient to understand what we put patients *through*."

His medical knowledge also meant that he knew only too well what was happening to *him at every single stage*. From the time he first started going for lung function tests in 1987, he was able to calculate the time of *his own death*. "I predicted I would die in December 1990. In the event I just made it into January 1991 and *had a lung transplant on* January 5."

Like all those on the waiting list for a lung transplant, he *had about a one in three* chance of dying on the waiting list and about a 50 per cent chance of surviving for five *years after his transplant*. Beyond five years, doctors at the Freeman say, there are no figures for survival rates for *lung transplants because the* operation was not pioneered until the late 1980s.

Mr Galbraith knew that the *odds were against him and if* you ask him what his greatest achievement is, he is in no doubt at all of the answer: "My *greatest achievement is that* five years after a transplant, I'm still alive.

"To me the trivia of life are of no consequence. The only thing that still upsets me now is to see other people being used and abused."

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A sports lover, Sam Galbraith, centre, can still take part in a vigorous walk around Glasgow, five years after a lung transplant

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A feeling of fullness in one ear can herald Ménière's disease, writes **Dr Kieran Sweeney**

Why giddiness should be taken seriously

A constant concern for a GP is the possibility that common symptoms can sometimes indicate rare and serious disease: headache, for example, almost always has a simple explanation, but can be the first symptom of a brain tumour.

A couple of years ago, a 58-year-old man consulted me about an irritating feeling of fullness in one ear. "I probably just need to see a nurse to clear the wax out of my ear," was his view. But ears were free of wax. An audiogram showed *only a slight loss of hearing on* the affected side, although the significance of this did not become clear until a few weeks later, *when he returned to* discuss the result.

The fullness remained on one side, he explained, but he *had begun to feel a bit un*steady on his feet, sensing at times that the room was slowly rotating. But it was not until several months had passed, and he had reported two or three *similar episodes* plus the onset of mild tinnitus, that it became clear he had Ménière's disease.

A Frenchman, Prosper Ménière, first described the condi*tion more than 130 years ago*, and correctly attributed the problem to a disorder of the inner ear. The primary abnor*mality is a progressive disten*sion of the endolymphatic system, a delicate part of the inner ear whose main function *is to maintain the sense of* balance. Fluid builds up in this space, either because it is overproduced or poorly absorbed, and this gradually damages the hair cells.

When these hair cells malfunction, the individual experiences an acute loss of balance, often accompanied by nausea and vomiting. Early on *in the disease*, these delicate hair cells can recover from the episodes of *raised pressure, but* repeated episodes eventually can cause irreversible damage, *leaving the most* severely affected patients with permanent symptoms.

The loss of hearing is the result of nerve damage in the inner ear. Initially, the patient notices *problems with low tones*, then high tones and finally all the frequencies are affected.

It is not known exactly how common Ménière's disease is. It appears to be nearly twice as common in *parts of the UK as in Sweden* or Italy: *one study calculated* that there were about 200 cases per million population in *Northern Ireland. But accord*ing to George Browning, Senior Lecturer in ENT at Glasgow University, this may be the result of incorrectly labelling patients with simple episodic dizziness as Ménière's *sufferers, when they may* lack the other essential three features — hearing loss, tinnitus and fullness in the ear.

There seems to be a curious association between Ménière's and migraine. Writing recently in the *British Journal of Hospital Medicine*. Shakeel Saeed of Manchester Royal Infirmary, commented that the two conditions may co*exist in nearly one third of* sufferers. The same foodstuffs that provoke migraine, especially coffee, can also set off an episode of Ménière's. Stress, and the fluid retention noted by some women premen*strually, are also associated* with attacks. Although doctors rely still on an accurate history to make the diagnosis, there is *one test which confirms it* — electro-cochleography. In this test, the affected ear is exposed to a train of noises and the *response of the auditory* nerves noted on the graph. Ménière's disease produces a characteristically abnormal *response pattern*.

What can be done to relieve the symptoms? Although a large number of drugs have been tested, few carefully controlled studies have been reported, and only one drug — betahistine — consistently shows an effect in randomised case controlled studies. This drug probably helps by improving the circulation in the inner ear. Other drugs like prochlorperazine, commonly prescribed as Stemetil, *seem to help to abort* acute attacks, and diuretics like frusemide appear useful *where the symptoms* are associated with fluid retention.

Several different *operations are avail*able for the 25 per cent or so of patients whose symptoms are *not fully controlled* by medication. Decompressing the endolympatic sac is the most *common one and does seem* logical, as the problem is excess pressure in this region.

But there is criticism as to the effectiveness of the operation. In the very few patients who fail to gain relief from this procedure, the final surgical step is to remove the labyrinth itself. This is usually undertaken only if the disease is in one ear only.

Recently, the outlook for severely affected patients has been enormously improved by the development of cochlear implants, which are particularly helpful for patients who have both ears affected, and who appear more disabled by the hearing loss than the vertigo.

Fortunately, Ménière's disease usually runs a benign course, with infrequent mild attacks controlled readily — well over 75 per cent of patients remain satisfactorily on simple medication. But, although we know more about what happens in the disease, we still know relatively little about why it occurs.

● *Dr Sweeney is a GP in Exeter.*

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Life without a mother

When the most important person in Hope Edelman's life died young, she lost not only a friend and comforter but also a role model

JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

Hope Edelman was 17 when her mother, aged 42, died of breast cancer. Suddenly, her family, "the most typical in suburban New York", was shattered; Edelman and her younger brother and sister became figures of pity, but also of fear. Her friends were horrified by her loss and avoided her as if she were contagious, "because if it had happened to me, it could happen to them".

A mother's death is treated as taboo. "Even as adults, few women with mothers want to think about mother loss; still fewer want to hear about it," says Edelman, now 30. Illogical as it is, we expect mothers to be immortal, or at the very least to stay with us until we become mothers ourselves. But about 16,000 women aged between 25 and 55 die in Britain each year, many of whom will leave children and teenagers behind.

"A woman without a mother feels very alienated," Edelman says. "In our psyches mother represents comfort and security, no matter what our age. Everyone carries into adulthood a fear of being alone and unprovided for and a motherless child symbolises a darker, less fortunate self.

"I have friends who say 'this is rubbish, I am not close to my mother, so I am in exactly the same position as you'. But then I ask, who would you turn to if you were sick and they say, 'well, my mother of course. She is the only person we know would drop everything for us'."

Certainly, with my mother still alive, I find Edelman's book, *Motherless Daughters*, unbelievably harrowing. Every page forces me to confront an inevitability I would rather blot out. I feel almost guilty meeting Edelman, tall, dark and beautiful, with a rubber-band mouth, equine cheekbones and an air of unAmerican reserve.

The book, compiled from hundreds of interviews, was published in America last year and spent 14 weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list. "There had been plenty written about losing a parent, but nothing that was sex specific," says Edelman, who believes that, in most cases, a woman is far more devastated by the death of her mother than of her father.

There are several reasons for this: statistically, we expect men, with a shorter life expectancy, to die first, and there are few homes where a grieving father will be able to offer his children the practical and emotional support that a mother could. Often, the eldest daughter is forced to mother her siblings, causing future resentment on both sides.

More importantly, when a woman loses her mother she loses her same-sex role model. "You have to piece together a feminine identity by yourself," says Edelman. She is mortified if she forgets to write a thank-you letter, convinced it is because her mother didn't live long enough to teach her the rules of society. "Your mother helps plan your wedding; when you have a child she helps."

So motherless daughters tend to develop masculine characteristics. "They are often assertive, self-reliant, fairly aggressive, often perceived as intimidating," Edelman says. "You have to be — no one else is going to take care of you."

Even given the shorter life expectancies of the 19th century, Edelman was astonished by how many eminent women's mothers died in childhood or adolescence: the list includes George Eliot, Marie Curie, the Brontë sisters, Gertrude Stein, Dorothy Parker, Virginia Woolf and Dorothy Wordsworth. Madonna and Oprah Winfrey, the two most powerful women in the American entertainment industry, both grew up without a mother. "These women often turn into very strong, accomplished women. They have an increased sense of determination and motivation, they know life can be very short and they want to accomplish as much as they can."

Edelman, who lives in New York, has travelled widely and made a large circle of friends: everything her mother — who talked about resuming her career as a music teacher when her children left home — was unable to do. It is only recently that she has begun to realise that she may live beyond her mother's 42. "I have always lived for the moment and made no plans for the future. I know it sounds crazy, but most women whose mothers have died young are convinced they will die at the same age. I have no idea how I will act when I am older than 42. I don't know how a woman in her fifties and sixties is meant to behave."

The loss, while most devastating in childhood and adolescence, is overwhelming at any age. "I was amazed at the number of letters I had from women in their sixties, distraught because their mother has died at the age of 85. You think 'come on' but then you realise they have known nothing else for 60 years. I only had 17," says Edelman. "The death doesn't incapacitate them, but most of them say they think about their mothers every day and never stop mourning."

It is an unusual family that copes with a mother's death. Edelman's tried to carry on as if nothing had happened. Her father retreated into a shell, refused to talk to his children and 14 years later still has his wife's clothes hanging in a wardrobe. Edelman cried once, at the funeral, and then held her tears for seven years, until she realised that only proper grieving would help her to recover.

Despite the scars, she does stress that few motherless daughters grow up social or emotional cripples. "They have some problems with relationships: they are always seeking to replace the intimacy they lost, yet at the same time they are convinced that the person they love will be snatched away from them without warning." Many of them are also frightened of starting their own family: "Quite unrealistically, they are convinced they will have to abandon their children in the same way, and if their mother died when they were very young they will tend to have an idealised memory of her which they are sure they will never be able to live up to."

Virginia Woolf wrote: "Youth and death shed a halo through which it was difficult to see a real face." But most of the women Edelman talked to were in secure relationships, and childbirth often acted as a catalyst to recovery, a realisation of the power of regeneration.

● Motherless Daughters. *Hodder and Stoughton, £8.99*

SIMON WALKER

Hope Edelman lost her mother at 17. Now 30, she feels socially inept without a same-sex role model to guide her

Why I buy by telephone

My shopping secrets

NIGELLA LAWSON

I HAD always assumed that the success of those sex-and-shopping novels was due to the frequency and fervour of the bonking in them: now I know that the *panting and thrusting* is only incidental. It's the other thing they're after.

For reasons which you really don't want to know about, various of my colleagues in the print decided last week that my shopping habits were the sort of news that would grip their readers. I would hardly mention it here were it not for the fact that how I buy my household goods — down the telephone, mainly — seems to have struck a chord with so many people. Everyone has been asking me about it: my answering machine is plangent with requests for the telephone number of the particular service. (0181 361 4040, if you're interested.)

There are very simple reasons why I make as many purchases as possible down the telephone. It's not because I feel I'm too grand to put in a personal appearance at Sainsbury's, but because if you work and have a baby, the time you're not working you want to be with the baby. And really, anyone who can avoid traipsing up and down the supermarket aisles with a child in tow would want to do it.

Well, that's my justification, but why should any be needed? Why shouldn't anyone wish to avoid what they don't like doing, if there's a more efficient and less painful way of getting the same job done? We are just so puritanical: we want everyone to suffer for their gains. Doing anything which adds to the comfort and ease of life strikes some people as positively sinful.

Of course, extravagance shocks the hard-up, but by my reckoning, I actually spend less phoning for what I need. For one thing, Nappy Express, which I use — and for considerably more than nappies — doesn't charge for delivery. There is a premium on some goods, but others seem to cost less than the supermarkets charge.

Certainly none of the delivery companies charge the exorbitant prices pulled from thin air by those homely corner shops, and if it had been discovered that I shop at the All-Nite Quickee Sava Mart nobody would have thought it worth mentioning.

Not, of course, that I go in for obsessive, *Which?*-reading price comparison, because the one thing I know about supermarket prices is that however low they are, they're still part of the unacknowledged scam that is supermarket shopping. They're not about helping you save money: they're about making you spend it.

There are those, I understand, who lock themselves in the larder and compose a shopping list which they stick to, regardless of the loss-leaders and the never-to-be-repeated, two-for-one offers which taunt them from the aisles. I only have to be in a supermarket for five seconds before I turn into one of those peasants from Omsk, just arrived in the West and telling the cameras how liberty is being able to choose between 27 varieties of shoe polish. I can't buy one lot of something without working out that if I need one, then I'll need another, so if another, why not another one still. I begin to feel the hoarding instinct come upon me, and by the time I've made it to the checkout, that's a month's salary blown on goods whose use-by date will come and go before I get round to finding them at the back of the fridge.

Nor am I alone here: this is what supermarkets bank on, literally. Above all, though, I like proper food too much to want to buy it all *en bloc*. The heavy stuff I phone in, and then I can enjoy trolling around the neighbourhood with a basket and time to chat to the butcher (although I admit I am no stranger to Marks & Spencer). If the news-starved press wants to point to my luxurious lifestyle they should know that my advantage over most working mothers is not that I have more money but that I have more time.

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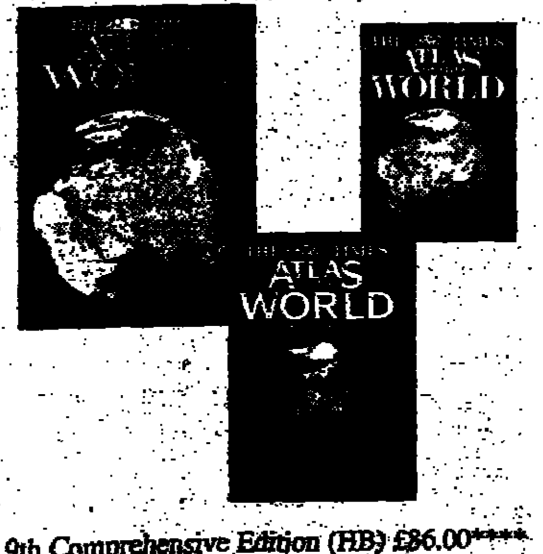

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New light has been shed on one of the last war's most controversial defeats, reports **Magnus Linklater**

Did Churchill sacrifice the gallant Scots?

The largest event to mark VE-Day outside London, and perhaps the most poignant of all of them, will be held in Perth on May 13. The city, which is still the headquarters of the 51st Highland Brigade, will play host to thousands of Second World War veterans and cadets, to the massed pipes and drums of all the Scottish regiments, to relatives, friends and dignitaries from all over the country as well as abroad. On the North Inch, alongside the River Tay, a memorial showing a Scottish soldier being handed a flower by a little girl, as a token of gratitude for the liberation of Europe, will be unveiled.

The service held on that day will be commemorating not just the sacrifice of almost 60,000 Scots who died in the course of the war, but the battle which remains one of the great heroic defeats in the defence of Europe: the last stand of the 51st Division under General Victor Fortune at St Valery-en-Caux in June 1940, as the British Expeditionary Force was evacuated from Dunkirk.

It is also one of the most controversial episodes of the last war. Up to a thousand soldiers died, and more than 8,000 were taken prisoner when they were trapped, along with the French Army Corps, by the advancing German forces under General Erwin Rommel. The news that the cherished Highland Division had been overpowered was greeted at home with stunned disbelief.

There are still many around who believe it should never have been allowed to happen. The agonising decision by General Fortune to surrender to Rommel after 12 days of remorseless combat and with ammunition down to just a few rounds, has been endlessly debated ever since, most recently after publication of new evidence that Churchill sacrificed the division against the advice of some of his generals in the hope of persuading the French to fight on in the Battle of France.

This argument, advanced in Saul David's well researched history of the battle, claims that Churchill, faced with the conflicting demands of the French for more fighter planes and the desperate position of the 51st, withheld the air support that might have allowed them to be evacuated. As a result, Fortune eventually had no alternative but to lay down his arms. The decision was undoubtedly the right one, and as some historians have pointed out, Fortune did manage to evacuate 5,000 of his troops via Le Havre before the final surrender. But for many years Fortune was not forgiven by those who found the shame of surrender too much to bear.

The years, however, have done much to salvage his reputation. There is little doubt that had it not been for the way in which the division held off the Germans for more than a month as they retreated from Abbeville to St Valery, the retreat from Dunkirk would have been very different.

Perhaps the highest tribute came from one Frenchman who fought alongside the Scots — General de Gaulle. Visiting Edinburgh in 1942, he said that the bravery of the 51st had played a large part in persuading him to fight on.

"For my part," said the General, "I can say that the comradeship in arms sealed on the battlefield of Abbeville in May-June 1940 between the French Armoured Division, which I had the honour to command, and the gallant 51st Scottish Division under General Fortune, played its part in the decision which I made to continue the fight at the side of the Allies to the end, come what may . . ." Both he and the 51st were vindicated when the reborn division avenged its predecessor and liberated St Valery in 1944.

One of the survivors of St Valery will be giving the main address in Perth next month. He is General Sir Derek Lang, former GOC of the 51st, whose remarkable escape after the battle is itself one of the more inspiring stories of the last war. Now aged 82, he intends to emphasise not just the battles of the last war, but the recognition of the peace which they secured.

In September last year he took part in the events held at Nijmegen to commemorate the German surrender. He recalls that the abiding gratitude of the local citizens 50 years after the event was overwhelming, and he still cherishes a scribbled note handed to him by a group of schoolchildren: "There are no words for what you have done for us so we can only say to you THANK YOU!"

Whether the General will also reflect that one of the dividends of peace has been the loss of many of the most famous regiments who fought at St Valery is another matter. Names like the Seaforths, Cameron Highlanders, Gordons, and Argylls now evoke only nostalgic memories. But being an officer and a gentleman, he will doubtless suppress all that and pay tribute instead to the men and women whose sacrifice in the darkest days of the war guaranteed 50 years of peace.

● The History of the 51st Highland Division *by J.B.Salmond, The Pentland Press (£12.00).* Churchill's Sacrifice of the Highland Division *by Saul David, Brassey's* (£19.95)

TOPHAM

General Fortune alongside Rommel in 1940 as his division surrendered at St Valery-en-Caux

Security is the vital issue in Europe

Timothy Garton Ash on the deep misunderstandings between Britain and Germany which detract from the two nations' common interests

I call it the Königswinter Effect. At these annual British-German conferences, there is a curious role-reversal, an exercise in national cross-dressing. The Germans become understated, anecdotal, pragmatic: the British are systematic, philosophical and profound. The Germans invariably begin their remarks with a joke, the British with a methodological preface. The only exception is that Germans do it in English, whereas the British don't do it in German.

Arguably, British-German relations generally since 1945 have been a massive role-reversal. In those days Germany was down and out, defeated, occupied, divided, while Britain was still, on the surface at least, a world power. In this early period, Britain offered to Germany many aspects of the British model — in politics, in the reorganisation of the media, even in industrial relations. Fifty years on, the boot is on the other foot. Britain is certainly not down and out, but there is no doubt that Germany is now the larger, richer and more powerful country, and now aspects of the German model are being recommended to Britain.

The trouble is that our views of one another have shot ahead of the realities. In the British media and political debate, Germany is seen as virtually a superpower, with a spectacularly successful "social market" economy. As for the Bundesbank, it is, to quote the sub-title of David Marsh's book on the subject, "The Bank that Rules Europe". Some, mainly on the right, feel Britain must resist this looming hegemony; others, mainly on the left, feel we should learn from the German example. Indeed, in its most radical form, the European project of the English and, more especially, of the Scottish and Welsh left, envisages something like a federal republic of Britain.

In the German media and political debate, by contrast, Britain often appears as a marginal, backward, bloody-minded old country, attractive only as a cheap but civilised holiday destination, a working museum of history as Ralf Dahrendorf says. Johannes Gross, Germany's Auberon Waugh, recently wrote a newspaper diary which quoted with pleasure — not to say with *Schadenfreude* — a list of oxymorons that began with "military intelligence" and ended with "Great Britain". So much for us.

In short, there is a kind of imaginative extrapolation of the role-reversal of the past half-century. This results in British opinion overrating German achievements and power, while German opinion underrates ours. Actually, anyone who looks more soberly at German foreign policy will see the formidable constraints on German power that still result from the country's past, its present geological position and its "leave us in peace" consumer society. Moreover, German analysts point to the problems as well as the advantages of its federal system and current corporatist, high-cost version of the social market economy. Why, they even question the wisdom of the Bundesbank.

Meanwhile, Britain is not doing half as badly as you would gather from the German press. I watched with amusement the sarcastic grin on the face of a former German economics minister as Anatole Kaletsky of *The Times* explained that Germany could learn an economic thing or two from Britain. But in privatisation, deregulation, perhaps even in responding to the globalisation of the world economy, Britain has gone ahead — which of course means that Germany can learn from our mistakes. More important, Britain really cannot be written out of a Franco-German design for Europe, and especially not in foreign and security policy.

It is on the subject of the EU that the misunderstanding is greatest. Germans listen with bemusement to the furious British political debate about Europe, which was played out at Königswinter almost like a Royal Shakespeare Company *visiting performance.*

For their part, the British listen with some frustration to German lectures about how Europe must develop. Frustration especially because these lectures often seem to put aside as outdated or irrelevant the hard, sceptical British questions about the way in which the EU has actually developed from Messina to Maastricht, and what the priorities should be after the end of the Cold War. Germany says to Britain: do you really want Europe? Britain says to Germany: what do you really want Europe for? Or, in more constructive vein: what do *we* want the Europe of EU and Nato for? Neither answers the other's questions.

To be sure, when it comes to discussing issues in detail — to talking turkey, for example, about Turkey — there is a much greater meeting of minds. But underlying attitudes remain far apart.

The original purpose of what is now the EU was to ensure that our nations would never again tear *each other apart in war.* Yet following the end of the Cold War there is now again war in Europe. Bosnia has been torn apart in a European war. There is the risk of war, to a greater or lesser degree, all over post-communist Europe. And one lesson of the 20th century is certainly that we cannot afford to ignore these quarrels in far-away countries between people of whom we know nothing. They affect Germany directly, and Britain's relations with Germany.

Top of the list of urgent common interests are not further steps of economic or social integration, nor the premature, divisive and risky adventure of European monetary union. Top of the list is the enlargement of the Europe of EU and Nato to at least some of those parts of Europe where this can make the difference between war and peace. This enlargement necessarily requires political reforms, to ensure that an EU of 20 and more states can function.

As important is the closer coordination of foreign and defence policies, especially to respond to unpredictable developments in the still more explosive parts of our European neighbourhood, such as North Africa, the former Yugoslavia and the former Soviet Union.

The basic reason we need the EU and Nato is not to make our countries richer or more powerful, but to try to save Europe from war — both the wars that Europe is still capable of generating, and from the wars that threaten from the dangerous world around.

This article is adapted from the author's closing address to the Königswinter conference.

Mine's a quarter of a billion pounder

Burgers and Bob Dylan are American exports that have conquered the world. But where does the money go?

Bernard Levin

Never say that Levin has narrow horizons; what I am about to reveal is so unlikely that some of my readers will think it is a hoax. Indeed, when I was chatting with three of my *Times* colleagues — hardened sinners all — and I told them what I shall now tell you, two of them fell off their chairs and the third had a mild stroke.

True, I was at a musical event, but not one concerning Wagner (or Beethoven for that matter); moreover, I had been inveigled into the proceedings by another of my colleagues, who softened my heart with a rather good dinner. I was somewhat puzzled when I was told that we should turn up at nine because the proceedings would begin at eight, and on top of that I was alarmed to discover that we were bound to Brixton ("brother, I advise you to the best; go armed"), rather than the Royal Opera House, the Festival Hall or the Wigmore. However, I was greatly mollified when I learnt that the venue would be the Brixton Academy, and I therefore settled back for an evening of Buxtehude, Stockhausen and Milhaud.

Imagine my astonishment when I learnt that I would be going home not with the merry lilt of Hans Werne Henze's sparkling tunes ringing in my ears, but those of Mr Robert Dylan. And before you all tell me that I am a pretentious twit, let me tell *you* that I knew about and admired Bob Dylan a quarter of a century ago. Nor did I simply know about him, I put the entire text of his *A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall* into my first book, *The Pendulum Years*, which was published in 1970. And the reason I did so was that I had realised that Dylan was not only a true poet, but a true prophet as well. Of the young people of that era, I said:

> ... it could not be denied that they were serious, if any evidence could be derived from the fact that one of the earliest priests of the movement, Bob Dylan, sang in the tones of a medieval flagellant charging the sins of mankind with responsibility for the ravages of the plague, and that one of his best-known songs consisted of an unmistakable, and far from comforting, vision of the apocalypse.

So I went to the Brixton Academy, where the performance began a mere hour and a quarter late, and where every seat was filled. Dylan did not sing *A Hard Rain*, and I was handicapped by the fact that I could not make out any of the words of any of the songs, though I realised that most of the audience must already have known all the words. Dylan's voice seemed to me an even patch of sandpaper on one note; experts told me that his voice had gone years ago, and I could well believe it. Nevertheless, there were the sounds, and particularly the rhythms: until my ear was attuned, these sounded all the same, but it did not take long for me to pick out the cross-rhythms and the way they changed. (On top of that, I could not stop looking at the drummer; I was waiting for the moment that he would explode, or at least fall to the ground foaming at the mouth.) Yet even I, knowing that I was to hear *Siegfried* a few days later, realised that there is a gigantic talent in Dylan, and — more to the point — a talent shot through with meaning. Don't worry — I shall not now fill my spare time seeking out the performances of the Rolling Stones, but I shall certainly go to Dylan when he is next in London.

Oddly enough, I had not intended to start this column with Dylan: indeed, I had no intention of writing about him at all, until I had listened to more of his work. But if we cannot quite call Dylan sublime, we can certainly call the next figure in the frame ridiculous. And it is that subject which had to wait until Dylan and his sounds had left my head. But in case I am thought of as a butterfly darting from subject to subject, let me reassure you: the next subject is the Hard Rock Cafe and Planet Hollywood, two places where you can, and millions do, consume hamburgers. I dare say that many a Dylan-prototype, and perhaps even Dylan himself, must have visited many a Hard Rock Cafe and Planet Hollywood.

No more: if *The Independent*, which had the story first, speaks sooth, only the lawyers are going to be seen putting another storey on their already enormous houses, while everyone else involved will be in hock for ever. You see, there are two hamburger chains in the United States (there are, of course, dozens if not hundreds, but the rest seem to get along without fisticuffs), called respectively "Hard Rock Cafe" and "Planet Hollywood". We have one of each in Britain, presumably as a token.

Well, says any sensible person, let there be Hard Rock Cafes and Planet Hollywoods, and let them both thrive — assuredly, there is enough meat, fat and ketchup for both. Ah, no; you see, translated from the American dollar, the sum already spent in this business is *seven hundred and fifty million pounds*, and the end is not in sight.

Well, says any sensible person once more — there must have been the most terrible fights for outlets, hideous struggles to get the best beasts, heart-attacks in the race to get the hottest coffee and the stoutest carton. Ah, no, nothing like that. Well, then, if it was nothing like that, what *was* it like?

It was like this. Hard Rock had the idea of putting up pictures on their walls — pictures from showbusiness and such, presumably to brighten the place up. Planet Hollywood did similarly, putting up pictures from the movies. And one of them claims that the other stole the idea (or *vice versa*), and what is more, one lot is charged with locating its outlets to tempt customers away from the other lot, and menus have been copied.

Menus have been copied. In case you skipped that sentence, I shall repeat it, italicised: *Menus have been copied*. And seven hundred and fifty million pounds — or, if you prefer, one billion two thousand million dollars. And the people involved are fully adult and have a vote in the matter of who is the President of the United States. And I forgot something: in American law (if it can be called that), where actual damages are awarded, the sum is automatically trebled. Nice work if you can get it, and in America you certainly can, one way or another. I have told you before about the organisation whose members worked to keep people out of the civil law-courts: their slogan was "Arbitrate, don't litigate". They were all murdered by lawyers, of course.

The stinking midden of American justice, criminal and civil, will never be cleansed, bar a revolution. When men (and women, remember) can be on Death Row for decades, and when a case that would, could and should be settled with two drinks, fifty dollars and a handshake, but instead throws billions down the sink, we are entitled to say that the United States, measured by its justice, has not yet *got down from the trees. And that is* from a lifelong admirer of America; what do you suppose the America-haters make of it?

The subject in question is not "whose is the tastiest burger?" Would that it were; at least there would be a real argument, even if it could not be settled. No, it is on the level of "Please, teacher, Johnnie stole my pencil — make him give it back", while on the other side of he classroom there can be heard "Jillie pulled my hair, and I'm going to tell my mum".

And suppose *these* burgers did get the patent before *those* burgers? Is nobody but me going to say "Shucks"? For, after all, only the most impudent claimant would have the nerve to say that *this* burger tastes better than *that* burger. (From to time to time I make my supper from a burger, but the *burger is made from the very finest* meat that Selfridges can find, minced by hand and seasoned sound.)

But stay: one of the lawyers involved in this absurd story has been speaking about the case. He said "My client's concept was stolen and . . . deserves compensation." He could hardly say less, but *he* did say something else, most intriguing. He said: "I would expect a conclusion to this case possibly within a week, or maybe two; I would hesitate to predict the outcome — you never can tell." Well, if the plaintiff's lawyer can't say anything more robust than that, perhaps the judge will say that both sides are nothing but a heap of silly burgers.

Diminutive figure with a gigantic talent — and, since Brixton, a new follower. Could Mr Dylan possibly be singing "the ladder of law has no top and no bottom"?

THE TIMES

DIARY

Bad timing

THE PRINCESS of Wales has always been considered the most welcome of guests at the Brazilian Embassy in Washington, where her longtime friend and shopping companion Lucia Flecha de Lima is the Ambassador's wife.

But her Easter weekend in the American capital is said to have caused some tension in the household. The Ambassador, Paulo-Tarso Flecha de Lima, is organising a state visit to Washington this week by the Brazilian President. And he would have welcomed a little help from his wife this Easter.

Instead, Lucia and the Princess tripped daily to various shopping emporia, leaving the business of the presidential visit to the increasingly indignant Brazilian envoy. "He's been receiving fax after fax from Brazilia about the fine detail of the President's tour and is, I understand, rather angry with his wife for having invited Princess Diana at this time," says one source.

President Cardoso reaches Washington on Thursday, by which time the Princess will be long gone. But over Easter, the Embassy was besieged by paparazzi tracking the shopping pair. This reportedly enraged Flecha de Lima further — particularly since his attempts to excite the American media about his President's visit have signally failed.

● *The tribulations of day-to-day life in a grand house are spelt out in next month's* Country Homes and Interiors *by Lady Victoria Leatham, chatelaine of Burghley House in Lincolnshire. "You can't manage without staff," she writes. "At first I cooked in the kitchen, about nine minutes away from the sitting room. Family and friends were upstairs boozing and I was freezing in the kitchen, furious that no one had brought me a drink."*

"I won it for not turning up"

Dragon's day

IT WILL NOT be the most patriotic of St George's Days next Sunday at Stockton parish church, County Durham. The local vicar, the Rev David Whittington, has hired 200 musicians to blast out the French national anthem and cock a snook at the Euro-sceptics.

La Marseillaise will be the highlight of Whittington's concert, which will have a European theme. "It is to tease everyone on St George's Day, because I am a Euro-enthusiast and an even bigger Berlioz enthusiast," he says.

Generalisation

NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF is to park his tanks on the Duke of Northumberland's lawn. Stormin' Norman has thrown his considerable weight behind a scheme for a Gulf War weaponry display at the Royal Fusiliers Museum at the Duke's seat, Alnwick Castle.

Charles Baker Cresswell, 60, chairman of the museum and deputy-lieutenant of Northumberland, wrote to the Gulf Commander for his assistance. "He provided ground-to-ground anti-tank missiles and hopes to come for the opening," he says. "I am glad to say he overlooked the late differences between the Fusiliers and America at Bunker Hill, in 1775."

Leiden low

CHRIST CHURCH, Oxford, has become embroiled in an unseemly squabble over an anniversary service planned to celebrate the city's link with Leiden in The Netherlands.

Members of the Oxford-Leiden link committee want to hold the service at Oxford Cathedral in the college grounds next March, 50 years after the twinning. They have invited Her Majesty the Queen and Queen Beatrice of The Netherlands. But the sub-dean, Ronald Gordon, says the college-chapel-cum-cathedral cannot be used. "It was not a date when our choir or all our cathedral clergy could be present, so we couldn't agree."

Don Rouse, chairman of the Oxford-Leiden link, calls Gordon's attitude ridiculous. "We're after the building, not all their frills. We could have got our own choir in."

Wee drama

THE tranquillity of the heather and haggis beat of an unassuming PC has been upset by a new TV series. BBC1's *Hamish Macbeth*, about a maverick copper in a rural community, has gone down none too well with PC Finlay MacBeath.

First there is the fact that MacBeath is pronounced Macbeth, and Finlay's more ribald colleagues have had a field day. But there is also the TV character's unorthodox method of catching criminals. In the series, he has helped poachers, smoked cannabis and become involved in an illegal whisky deal.

Macbeth, *not* MacBeath

PC MacBeath went to school in the west coast seaside village of Plockton, where the series was filmed. He is reportedly seeking legal advice through the Police Federation, but the BBC is anxious to smooth ruffled feathers: "Hamish Macbeth is fictional, not based on anyone in particular." The real MacBeath was unavailable for comment.

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Railway policy must change, writes Magnus Linklater

A rail disaster

There comes an awful stage when a government becomes shackled to a policy decision so unpopular that any advantages it may once have had are buried in a mudslide of hostility and recrimination. Every instinct suggests it should be abandoned, yet to do so seems even more damaging than to persevere. Evidence against it, however convincing, is dismissed out of hand. Bluster becomes the order of the day.

It happened with the poll tax. And now it is happening with rail privatisation. But there is a difference. In this case, the Government is not actually defending the decisions which are being taken in its name. It has retreated behind the network of institutions which have been set up to prepare the railways for selling off. They are deemed to have a free hand, however disastrous the consequences.

Protests are deflected by the promise of "full consultation" before final decisions are reached. But when that consultation is revealed as sham, the evidence is simply ignored. What is happening is this: British Rail is beginning to run down its subsidised services, particularly in Scotland, in the knowledge that it has to hand over the most cost-efficient network possible to the agents of a privatised system. The director of rail franchising, whose job it is to decide which services must be included in the privatisation, goes along with this, approving some cuts, while at the same time assuring users that they will be consulted in the end.

That consultation, however, will be held only after the services are dropped, some of them next month. By the time the process is completed later this year, they will be distant memories.

Other organisations meant to protect the passengers stand by apparently mesmerised. The Department of Transport says the decisions are up to British Rail and the franchise director. The rail regulator, who is appointed by the Government but supposedly independent, objects to the cuts but seems powerless to prevent them. British Rail assures him that no final decisions have been taken, and the services can be reinstated later; no one believes that. The Rail Users' Committee protests but is slapped down. The Office of Passenger Rail Franchising refuses to intervene. The Transport Secretary Brian Mawhinney produces the kind of sophistry that leave a bad taste in the mouth: "Privatisation", he says, "moves forward with the passenger firmly in mind."

In Scotland, the principal sufferers will be rural dwellers and those who make a living from tourism, which is the Highlands' only hope of maintaining a fragile economy. This should be one of Scotland's great industries, exploiting an asset of natural beauty unequalled in Europe. Instead, the rail travel which makes it possible is derided as subsidised transport "for walkers and stalkers", a metropolitan view deeply resented in the north.

It is not just the sleeper services from London that are being axed; so is everything that makes rail travel a delight: Motorail services, steam trips from Fort William to Mallaig, tourist explorer trains in the Highlands, the observation car on the West Highland line (one of the marvels of modern rail travel), restaurant cars. Tourist offices abroad would give their eye teeth for these. So might a privatised system. British Rail instead has been encouraged to run them down and allow them to die from neglect.

Squalid subterfuge has also been adopted. British Rail has taken to running "ghost" trains at night along some stretches of line so as to avoid statutory closure procedures. Already 200 rail jobs have been secretly cut. Phoney figures are "leaked" — and believed by some serious commentators — about the horrendous expense. A subsidy of £453 a head, for instance, has been quoted for the West Highland sleeper service. This is nonsense. The real figure is a tenth of this, and of course if the service were properly promoted, even this subsidy might become unnecessary. The better the service, the more popular it becomes.

Now at last the law is being used to challenge the whole strategy. Highland Regional Council has been told it has a legal case to prevent any of the cuts from taking place before full consulation. Given the Government's poor record when challenged in the courts, I would say the council has a strong chance of winning. But the fact that expensive legal proceedings are necessary to uphold common sense and decency shows how dislocated from reality this privatisation has become. It is universally disliked. And it is a gesture of contempt towards the Highlands.

Some years ago, a civil servant under Mrs Thatcher, contemplating the cost of Highland subsidies, asked jokingly: "Why do we need people in the Highlands at all?" It was quite a bad joke then, it sticks in the throat now.

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TURBULENT TEACHERS

Professionals should set an example of professionalism

It must be that time of year again. With the daffodils comes Easter to lift the spirits and the round of teachers' conferences to lower them again. The spectacle of men and women from a professional stratum of society parading arguments that would disgrace their classrooms, and behaviour that would earn them detention or expulsion, is peculiarly distasteful. Teachers, of all people, must set an example — and the example that many set over the weekend should be kept at all costs from their pupils.

The intimidation and barricading of David Blunkett, Shadow Education Secretary, was the most disgraceful sight. No pupil who acted thus to a teacher could hope to remain in a school. But, if these were the acts of a small minority, the conference floor still set standards that pupils would be ill advised to emulate. The National Union of Teachers' moderate executive wanted members to co-operate with tests this year. The members themselves had voted in a ballot to do so by a huge margin. But the conference defeated the executive and called for a boycott. Few left-wing delegates who supported the boycott even attempted to justify their disdain for democracy.

As John Cox, a member of the executive, said yesterday: "There are times when you believe in something passionately, but the majority of your members feel differently. It's called losing the argument." Unfortunately, this is a lesson that many of the teachers assembled in Blackpool have not learnt. There is a much more militant mood at this year's conference than there has been for some time. The left seems to have marshalled its troops more effectively than the moderates, and has ensured the election of delegates who are quite unrepresentative of the wider membership.

The result is that the delegates have not just defeated the executive; they are also in danger of defeating their own cause. Just as teachers have finally managed to persuade parents and governors to join forces against the Government on class sizes, the NUT looks like voting for strike action: the very policy that is most likely to alienate its new allies. Neither parents nor governors will support any action — whether it be strikes or sending children home from school — that deprives pupils of their education.

But if teachers keep the coalition going, there is every chance that governors will engage in creative accounting that will tide their schools over until more money comes in next year, thus avoiding the need to make teachers redundant. And the extra money is much more likely to come in next year if parents and governors, many of whom are natural Tory supporters, continue to make life difficult for the Government. Militant teachers can be seen off — model Conservative citizens are another matter.

After the conference's treatment of Mr Blunkett, the NUT risks having no important allies left. For too long, teachers have won protection from Labour for their untenable view that bad schools could never be blamed on bad teachers. Now that the Opposition has at last seen sense, the teaching unions are more isolated than ever. No parent, no governor, no pupil — and now no senior politician — believes that bad teachers should be immune from the sanctions that are applied to other people who fail at their jobs. Children who have a poor education suffer for the rest of their lives. Teachers — who consider themselves professionals — should not tolerate anything less than professional standards. And they should put the interests of their pupils first.

MODERN VICTORIANS

Good advice from a distinguished conservative thinker

In the last two years, the question of moral responsibility has edged closer to the heart of political discourse. The revived interest in the relationship between public policy and civic virtue has been widely evident: in the speeches of Michael Portillo and Tony Blair, the writings of David Selbourne and the Chief Rabbi, and — less successfully — John Major's ill-fated "back to basics" campaign. Today the Institute of Economic Affairs publishes an important contribution to this debate by the American historian and conservative thinker Gertrude Himmelfarb.

Professor Himmelfarb's book, *The Demoralization of Society: From Victorian Virtues to Modern Values* has already been well-received in the United States. Its publication in this country strengthens the transatlantic dialogue which has arisen between British and American thinkers on the future of civic society. Like her husband Irving Kristol, Professor Himmelfarb has played an important part in the reassessment of America's welfare policies and of the intellectual fads which have gripped its campuses. In her new book, she offers a historian's assessment of the current debate on the ties that bind communities.

The modern attack upon "Victorian values", she argues, reflects both a misunderstanding of the Victorian era and a resistance to the very concept of traditional morality. When Margaret Thatcher announced her championship of these values in 1983, Neil Kinnock accused her of supporting "cruelty, misery, drudgery, squalor, and ignorance". It is true that the Victorian age was victim to these problems as, in its own way, is our own. But, as Professor Himmelfarb shows, there was another side to that period in our history. In England between 1857 and 1901, for instance, the rate of indictable offences decreased from about 480 per 100,000 population to 250; there was also a decline in births out of wedlock. In the rhetoric of public life, philanthropy, civility and charity were cherished — though charity was regarded, in the words of one secretary of the Charity Organisation Society, as "a social regenerator . . . to create the power of self-help" rather than a route to dependency. This was no golden age. Nor, however, was it the dark age of popular imagination.

Professor Himmelfarb's purpose is more subtle than the historical rehabilitation of the Victorian era. "If the past cannot — and should not — be replicated," she writes, "it can serve to put the present in better perspective." The modern recoil from "Victorian values" reflects a recoil from moral judgment of any kind. Professor Himmelfarb suggests, indeed, that our use of the word "value" in preference to the word "virtue" is sloppy, reflecting the pernicious belief that moral guidelines are merely conventional, "whatever any individual group, or society happens to value, at any time, for any reason".

The Victorians spoke unashamedly of virtue: decency, thrift, hard work and dignity. Underpinning Professor Himmelfarb's analysis is a belief that such moral standards have a vital part to play in our own response to social breakdown and deprivation. This is a bold argument. Yet there are tentative signs in the themes adopted by church leaders and politicians that this process may be beginning and that fashionable relativism has had its day.

TRIPPERS' CATCH-22

Managing tourism is a proper part of conserving the heritage

Within this generation tourism has grown from an elite extravagance into mass industry. Package tours and nose-to-tail coachloads follow the routes where once the solitary traveller rode on the Grand Tour. Jumbo cruisers of the air and ocean convey thousands for a few hours to a medieval town built for hundreds, before carrying them off to tick off and click off on camera the next stop on their hasty itineraries. Over the Easter holiday the series of articles in *The Times* about the modern tourist trap has illustrated this change, which is as fundamental as the introduction of factory farming or the industrial revolution.

The former urbanities of Oxford Street and Princes Street have been vulgarised with architectural boxes flogging tartan and Cockney trinketry. Stonehenge, 50 years ago a primeval rockery in a lonely meadow, has become a traffic jam. Many natives think that the tourist industry is destroying the very things that attract the tourists.

Such resistance to social change is misguided as well as doomed to failure. The growth of mass tourism is an economic as well as a democratic good. Britain has become the world's sixth largest tourist destination. Last year a record 20.6 million holidaymakers came here and spent £9.8 billion, more than most other invisible earnings. The tourism industry creates 1.5 million jobs in the United Kingdom. These tourists come for our vaunted national heritage.

But tourism is what economists' jargon describes as a positional good. The tourist attractions of this comparatively small island remain in fixed supply while the tourists coming to visit them are predicted to double in number over the next decade. To prevent tourism destroying what it comes to enjoy, this new industry needs more imaginative direction and marketing.

Conservation and the huge new tourist industry must learn to work together rather than against each other. *Laissez-faire le tour* can no longer cope. Traffic can be banned in congested City areas as it has been in York and Cambridge, and should be in Soho. But to stop tourism would be impossible as well misguided. As for other positional goods, realistic pricing will ration access to most popular places. The tourist season continually extends so that it is becoming "deseasonalised". Tourists must be steered away from the obvious "honeypot" areas and encouraged to be more adventurous. Popular tourist sites, such as the great cathedrals and colleges, are learning to provide good value for mass trippers with modern information technology without letting the crowds destroy the heritage. Natives must be educated in the importance of tourism to their livelihoods.

Britain lives by tourism, which has become a key part of its industry and invisible exports. The first historian of Britain wrote of London as a great resort for tourists from many nations coming to it by land and sea. So it is still. But in the new world of mass tourism, new techniques of managing and shepherding tourists as well as giving them value for money are needed. And away from the tourist trails there is still plenty of wilderness for those who want it. Managing the tourist explosion is a necessity which the British should be good at.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Proposals to introduce conditional fees for lawyers

From Lord Donaldson of Lymington

Sir, Inspired by your leader, "The advocate's devil" (April 10), concerning conditional fees for lawyers, I asked a doctor friend if he would treat me on the basis of "double or quits" — double fees if he cured me, nothing if he did not.

He would have none of it. As he pointed out, he knew what were the chances of curing me. I did not. He could not conscientiously pick and choose — "double or quits" if I was a good bet and an ordinary fee if I was not.

Lawyers should be no different. Indeed there is a stronger case against "double or quits" in the case of lawyers. They owe a duty to the law and justice which in some circumstances overrides their duty to their clients. "Double or quits" means that if they are to discharge this overriding duty they may have to forfeit any fee. To their credit many may do so, but some assuredly will not.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DONALDSON
(Master of the Rolls, 1982-92),
House of Lords.
April 10.

From Mr J. M. Ingleby

Sir, Your editorial advocates two consequences of conditional fees which make me recoil. To "make litigation easier for the middle class" and "to tempt lawyers to take on cases in which the client is less certain of victory" would add to the growing "mind your backside" paralysis which now pervades British business, not to mention the extra burden it would place on the already congested courts.

Speedier court hearings and the reduction of lawyers' fees to the level charged by lesser mortals might provide a better route to accessibility than the encouragement of yet more litigation.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. INGLEBY,
Malling, Port of Menteith, Stirling.

From Mr J. R. Pope

Sir, The wife of an American colleague of mine went to meet him off a plane at Boston airport. On the way she was hit head-on by two old ladies travelling the wrong way on a divided highway. After the crash the positions of the cars gave no proof of who had been travelling in which direction, but the itineraries of the parties made it clear enough for the insurance companies to have reached an agreed conclusion, I am sure.

However, lawyers persuaded the old ladies, in hospital, to sue my colleague and his wife for $250,000 (some 20 years ago) on a "no win, no fee" basis. A clinching defence was only achieved by the defence lawyers finding (and this approaches the miraculous) a long-distance truck driver from Florida who had travelled alongside the old ladies for some way, the other side of the divide, trying to attract their attention to their error.

Much money was spent on this opportunistic, speculative action and much stress imposed.

Your support for the Lord Chancellor's proposal is surely misguided.

Yours,
JOHN POPE,
Cromwell House,
Court Street, Tisbury, Wiltshire.
April 10.

From Mr A. Crabbe

Sir, Members of the legal profession might like to consider this suggestion: that in the event that no viable case exists, a client should be immediately so advised and thus avoid the risk of inflated legal fees.

Honourable legal practitioners already operating a "no win, no fee" service do so only when they see a case with a fair chance of success. To add further value to this service the fee is based on the damages awarded to the successful applicant and is seldom more than 50 per cent of those damages.

It should therefore be impossible for a litigant to find that the result of such a case is "negative equity".

Yours faithfully,
A. CRABBE,
Crabbe's Legal Consultancy,
Little Lodge, Hensting Lane,
Owslebury, Winchester, Hampshire.
April 10.

From the Chairman of the National Association of Bank Customers

Sir, This association believes that the Lord Chancellor's proposals will mean that the client with a good — ie, winnable — case will find himself in demand, while the client with a marginal case, a powerful opponent, or an undistinguished presence will find it impossible to obtain representation at "normal" rates or at all.

We foresee an undignified scramble for business which will favour the professionally strong and the obviously wronged; but justice will not be better or more economically served.

There must be other moves to support those in need of advice and assistance. We look forward to the day when "private enterprise" counselling such as from ourselves will be irrelevant and unnecessary.

Yours sincerely,
STUART CLIFFE,
Chairman, National Association
of Bank Customers,
Llantony Secunda Manor,
Church Road, Caldicot, Gwent.
April 10.

From Mr W. D. S. Caird

Sir, One objection to the conditional fee is that lawyers short of work may be tempted to initiate litigation in support of worthless claims in the hope of securing a buy-off payment by a defendant fearful of the costs of defending the action.

Yours faithfully,
W. D. S. CAIRD
(Registrar of the Family Division,
High Court, 1964-82),
17 Pine Walk, Lower Road,
Bookham, Leatherhead, Surrey.
April 10.

From Lady Talbot

Sir, If a "no win, no fee" action, however speculative, fails, who is going to pay the successful defendant's costs?

Yours faithfully,
JEAN TALBOT
(Magistrate, 1964-87),
Old Chapel House,
Little Ashley,
Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire.
April 11.

Patients who remain awake during surgical operations

From Dr Michael Wang and Dr Ian F. Russell

Sir, We agree with Professor J. Gareth Jones's view (letter, April 8) that the statement that "half of all surgery patients may be awake during their operation . . ." (report, April 5) may be "unnecessarily alarmist", particularly with regard to contemporary British anaesthetic practice.

It remains the case, however, that many patients may pass through various planes of consciousness during the course of a general anaesthetic, and that the average anaesthetist will be oblivious of this, largely because of the masking effects of the paralysing muscle relaxant.

We argue that the prevailing criterion of adequate anaesthesia, that of the absence of post-operative recall, is just not good enough, for at least three reasons:

1. For the relatively uncommon but unfortunate patient who has had awareness, pain and distress with subsequent recall, it is too late to improve their experience.
2. It is possible to have pain and distress yet no subsequent recall: in our view the absence of recall does not make this situation ethically acceptable.
3. We do not understand the psychological consequences of awareness (with or without distress) without subsequent recall. Professor Jones states that "many anaesthetists would regard this state as ideal for surgery and certainly not a ticket for the psychiatrist's couch". With all due respect, this is supposition rather than empirically established fact: the relevant research simply has not been done.

Yours faithfully,
M. WANG
(Clinical Director,
Department of Psychology),
I. F. RUSSELL
(Consultant anaesthetist),
University of Hull,
Clinical Psychology Unit,
Hull HU6 7RX.

From Professor T. E. J. Healy and Dr C. J. D. Pomfrett

Sir, The prospect of awakening during surgery is frightening but this can be avoided by an alert anaesthetist using appropriate anaesthetic dosage. Modern anaesthesia is a balance between maintaining patient safety, facilitating surgery, and providing a rapid recovery. Rapid recovery from anaesthesia has been an important factor, making possible a major expansion in day-case surgery.

For a very small proportion of seriously ill patients the difference between inadequate and excess dosage can be difficult to determine. The use of a tourniquet to protect a forearm from the paralysing drugs in the rest of the body so that the patient may signal awareness has been shown to be ineffective. Subjective monitoring described by Drs Wang and Russell provides neither a diagnosis nor a solution. The suggestion that half of patients may be awake during surgery is not only frightening, it is wrong.

Yours faithfully,
T. E. J. HEALY,
C. J. D. POMFRETT,
Manchester Royal Infirmary,
Department of Anaesthesia,
Oxford Road, Manchester 13.

Planning consent

From Mrs M. A. Marten

Sir, District councils have the power to grant themselves planning permission for projects on land which they have acquired for quite different purposes, without any right of appeal by those adversely affected.

In the early 1980s East Dorset District Council bought the freehold site of a paper mill in the parish of Witchampton to facilitate a worker-management buy-out of the business. This in turn has now ceased trading.

Without local consultation, even with the parish council, the site was offered for housing development. This was contrary to the district council's own planning policy and the lip-service it has paid to conservation within an area of outstanding natural beauty.

The site straddles a river and would form a separate enclave of surburban-type homes detached from a village. Yet the right type of village development in the right place would be welcomed.

A group representing local villages has proposed and obtained planning permission for a compromise scheme which will permit the council to reclaim much of its outlay and at the same time create a conservation area managed by a charitable trust which will benefit the whole district. Only the determination of some councillors to maximise the council's profit from the site stands in the way of this solution.

Lacking the objectivity of an appeal procedure, local democracy can thus become local dictatorship, and a woeful precedent is set for future development within areas of outstanding natural beauty.

Yours faithfully,
MARY ANNA MARTEN,
Crichel House,
Crichel,
Wimborne, Dorset.
April 13.

Wartime morality

From Mrs Sylvia Disley

Sir, I feel Margot Norman has drawn some unnecessarily negative conclusions from her reading of the wartime statistics published in HMSO's *Fighting with Figures* (reports and article, April 6). To say that there was a "crime wave" in Britain during the Second World War is, in my view, an overstatement.

There was some juvenile crime committed by boys rendered fatherless by the war. True, many hasty wartime marriages ended in divorce and, with our men sent abroad and replaced by a veritable invasion of Commonwealth and American servicemen who came here for training, it was remarkable that illegitimate births only doubled.

Having spent the war in London, through the Blitz, the V1 "doodlebugs" and the V2 rockets, I neither saw nor heard of any looting, and people did all pull together, remaining remarkably cheerful.

The reason why the politicians fell to "squabbling" at the end of the war was because Churchill ended the wartime coalition to fight an election on normal party lines.

There may have been an increase in crime, divorce and illegitimate births during the war, but they were still only a fraction of present-day figures. What excuse can people offer now?

Yours faithfully,
SYLVIA DISLEY,
Hampton House,
Upper Sunbury Road,
Hampton, Middlesex.
April 8.

Smokers' rights

From Mrs Marjorie Nicholson

Sir, I am surprised that Paul Hooper (letter, April 12) should claim that a supporter of Forest had declared on a train that he "had a right to smoke wherever he wanted".

We have *never* argued that people should be allowed to smoke wherever and whenever they wished. Indeed, we have been in the forefront of the campaign for designated smoking and non-smoking areas, so that everyone can have a choice.

If the incident did occur as Mr Hooper describes, then perhaps it is indicative of the fact that there is a genuine demand for designated smoking areas which the rail authorities are trying to ignore.

Yours faithfully,
MARJORIE NICHOLSON
(Campaign Manager),
FOREST (Freedom Organisation
for the Right to Enjoy
Smoking Tobacco),
2 Grosvenor Gardens, SW1.

Single currency

From Mr Peter W. Watson

Sir, Mr Hannes Kleineke (letter, April 13) cites currency used during the German Empire as having both imperial and local territorial markings. Let no one imagine that a similar solution, if applied to the ecu, would obviate objection to the new Euro-currency.

Discussion of whether or not the British monarch's head will be "allowed" on the new currency is a red herring. It would matter little if Mickey Mouse appeared on it, given that all fiscal and monetary policy would be in the hands of unelected and unaccountable foreign nationals and elitist bankers.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
P. W. WATSON.
The Knoll, 5 The Common,
Child Okeford, Blandford, Dorset.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

Temporary status of Bosnia refugees

From Lord Dubs, Chief Executive of the Refugee Council

Sir, We are concerned that the father and four-year-old sister of Irma Hadzimuratovic are being put through additional pain and uncertainty due to the temporary nature of their status in the UK (report, April 10).

Irma — who sadly died in London on April 1, aged seven — and her family were brought here as medical evacuees and incorporated into a programme funded by the Home Office called the Bosnia Project.

The project was set up in 1992, when the Home Office asked the Refugee Council and the British Red Cross to receive and settle 1,000 Bosnians and their families. We were later joined by the Scottish Refugee Council, Refugee Action and Refugee Housing.

Bosnians on the project are only given a temporary status which must be renewed yearly. As a result, the families have no certainty regarding whether they will be allowed to stay or will be sent back to their war-torn country. For people who have already suffered such enormous trauma, this lack of security can be devastating.

Other Bosnians in the UK, who are not on the programme, are part of the normal asylum process. Consequently, some are being granted exceptional leave to remain or, in rare instances, full refugee status. Even this small degree of stability enables them to plan for the future, enrol in school, gain further qualifications or even simply furnish a flat.

Bosnians on the project do not have this amount of stability. The Refugee Council believes that their status must be made more secure, particularly in the light of the fact that there is no end to the war in sight. They must be allowed to begin rebuilding their lives in an atmosphere of safety and security, where they do not wait in fear of receiving a removal letter from the Home Office.

The Home Office should not use Irma's tragic death as a pretext for removing her father and sister. Surely, they and many other Bosnians have suffered enough.

Yours sincerely,
ALF DUBS,
Chief Executive,
The Refugee Council,
3 Bondway, SW8.
April 12.

Vietnam's Catholics

From Mr Hamish M. Carlisle

Sir, I read with interest the conclusion of today's editorial, namely that: "We can only congratulate the Vatican on its luck in never having had [Robert] McNamara as Pope." The reverse scenario also intrigues me, ie, if the USA had had John Paul II as Secretary of Defence.

Apart from the more outlandish possibilities of this thesis (unconfirmed sightings of Dr Paisley on the Ho Chi Minh trail perhaps), one serious thought occurs to me.

Much of the misunderstanding of successive American Administrations on the subject of Vietnam was due to the notion that a small and vocal Vietnamese Catholic minority might serve as the core of a future democratic government of the country.

In practice the Buddhist majority seem to have viewed the Roman Catholics as French lackeys and traitors to the nation, thus disqualifying them from leading the country anywhere. Having the Pope as Secretary of Defence could only have exacerbated this situation, so on balance we were probably better off with McNamara.

Yours faithfully,
H. M. CARLISLE,
5 Warbeck Road, W12.
April 11.

Fat comfort

From Mr Leeyson M. James

Sir, I wholeheartedly agree with Bernard Levin ("Eat, drink and be healthy", April 11). The wowsers increase my annoyance by constantly making U-turns. I have been told, in the past, to "Go to work on an egg" and "Drinka pinta milk a day": advice that I assumed was based on sound nutritional research. I am now told that if I follow that advice I am likely to go to an early grave, with my arteries clogged with cholesterol.

Yours sincerely,
LEEYSON M. JAMES,
40 Alexandra Road,
Chandlers Ford,
Eastleigh, Hampshire.
April 12.

Sweet nothings

From Mr Robert Vincent

Sir, One wonders just how many of those telephone calls omitting the extra digit "1" and connected to a recorded announcement will have been made deliberately today.

If BT chooses to supply such an attractive voice telling us that we shouldn't, and for free, then there must be quite a few of us who call up just to listen to her as an antidote to a whole string of numbers from that stern android on the "1471" Call Return service.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT VINCENT,
Dilly House,
Wildhern, Andover, Hampshire.
April 16.

COURT CIRCULAR

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

April 17: The Duchess of Kent this morning attended the Oakbank Easter Carnival, Oakbank, Adelaide, South Australia.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as President of the Prague Heritage Fund, will be the host at a reception at St James's Palace at 6.30 in aid of the fund.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the Pied Piper Appeal will attend a luncheon at the Royal Over-Seas League, St James's, at 12.30.

Princess Alexandra, as patron, will visit the offices of BACUP at Bell Street, Glasgow, at 1.15; and will launch a new vessel for Caledonian MacBrayne at Ferguson (Shipbuilders), Port Glasgow, at 2.25.

Air Marshal Sir Peter Wykeham

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Air Marshal Sir Peter Wykeham, KCB, DSO*, OBE, DFC*, AFC, will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 1995, at 11.30am at St Clement Danes, Strand, WC2.

Hayley Mills, the actress, is 49 today

Birthdays today

Dr C. Booth, Vice-Chancellor, Oxford Brookes University, 52; Mr Alan Devereux, former chairman, Scottish Tourist Board, 62; the Marquess of Donegall, 79; Mr Nick Farr-Jones, rugby player, 33; Miss Sylvia Fisher, soprano, 85; Mr Brian Fuller, former commandant, Fire Service College, Moreton-in-Marsh, 59; Mr David Gee, former director, Friends of the Earth, 46; Sir Peter Hordern, MP, 66; Mr Peter Jeffrey, actor, 66; Mr Christopher Lawrence, managing director, London Philharmonic Orchestra, 45; Lord Mason of Barnsley, 71; the Very Rev Dominic Milroy, OSB, former Headmaster, Ampleforth College, 63; Baroness Platt of Writtle, 72; the Right Rev Dr E.J.K. Roberts, former Bishop of Ely, 87; Mr Ian Taylor, MP, 50; Sir Teddy Taylor, MP, 58; Sir Edgar Unsworth, former Chief Justice of Gibraltar, 89.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Canon Raymond Hubble: to be a Canon Emeritus of Winchester Cathedral on his retirement as Vicar and Rural Dean of *Odiham at the end of October.*

The Rev Charles Marnham, Rector, Haughton le Skerne (Durham): to be Vicar, St Michael's, *Chester Square (London).*

The Rev Thomas Mendel, Chaplain of Shrewsbury School (Lichfield): to be Chaplain, All Saints, *Milan w Varese and Genoa, Italy* (Europe).

The Rev Andrew Meynell, Vicar, Wendover and Priest-in-charge, Halton: to be Priest-in-charge, Monks Risborough and also Area Director of Ordinands for the archdeaconry of Buckingham (Oxford).

The Rev Andrew Milton, Team Vicar, Banbury (Oxford): to be Priest-in-charge, Thorney Abbey (Ely).

The Rev David Moir, Vicar, Prestbury and Rural Dean of Macclesfield: to be Priest-in-charge, Bosley, North Rode, Wildboarclough and Wincle, and continue as Rural Dean of Macclesfield (Chester).

The Rev Alan Moses, Rector, Old St Paul, Edinburgh (Edinburgh): to be Vicar, All Saints, Margaret Street (London).

The Rev Richard Newton, Priest-in-charge, St Andrew's, Malvern *(Worcester): to be Team Rector,* Kingswood Team Ministry (Bristol).

The Rev Paul Ormrod, Team Vicar, Church of the Ascension, Woolston: to be Priest-in-charge, St Peter, Formby (Liverpool).

The Rev Mark Young, Assistant Curate, St George the Martyr, Queen Square: to be Assistant Curate, St Pancras, Euston Road (London).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Graham Sillis, Vicar, Babbacombe (Exeter): resigned as from February 28.

The Rev Derek Cooper, Rector, *Camerton w. Dunkerton w.* Foxcote (Bath and Wells): to retire as from August 31.

The Rev John Fielding, Vicar, St Michael, Highgate (London): to retire as from September 30.

The Rev Harold Ingamells, Chaplain of the Community of St Peter, Woking (Guildford): to retire as from 30 June.

The Rev Audrey Kemp, Curate (NSM), Ditcheat, East Pennard and Pylle (Bath and Wells): to retire as from May 1.

The Rev Brian Leathley, Vicar, Kingsclere and Honorary Chaplain to the Automobile Association (Winchester): to retire as from December 31, and become full-time Chaplain to the Automobile Association nationwide.

Prebendary David Miller, Vicar, Wedmore w. Theale and Blackford (Bath and Wells): to retire as from May 31, but will remain Prebendary of *Whitelackington* (Bath and Wells).

The Rev David Paul, Vicar, All Saints, East Finchley (London): to *resign as from* April 30.

The Rev John Ray, Missioner in the deaneries of Bordesley and Yardley (Birmingham): to retire as from April 30, with permission to officiate, same diocese.

The Rev John Richards, Honorary Assistant Curate, West Byfleet (Guildford): retired as from February 26.

The Rev Mark Smith, Assistant Curate, St James, West Hampstead (London): to resign as from April 30.

Other retirements

Mr George Pipe, Lay Chaplain and Personal Assistant to the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich: to retire as from April 9.

ALAN WELLER

Ross Clewlow, 7, and his three-year-old brother Scott, from Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, were dressed for their part in the London Harness Horse Parade in Battersea Park, yesterday. Ross drove their Shetland-cross pony Wendy who pulled an exercise cart in the parade

Anniversaries *today*

BIRTHS

Sir Francis Baring, banker, Larkbear, Devon, 1740; Louis-Adolphe Thiers, 1st President of the Third Republic of France 1871-73, Marseilles, 1797; George H. Lewes, philosopher, dramatist and scientist, London, 1817; Anthero de Quental, poet, Azores, 1842; Leopold Stokowski, conductor, London, 1882.

DEATHS

John Leland, antiquary, London, 1552; John Foxe, martyrologist, London, 1587; Erasmus Darwin, physician and poet, Derby, 1802; Sir Robert Smirke, architect, Cheltenham, 1867; Ottorino Respighi, composer, Rome, 1936; H.A.L. Fisher, historian, London, 1940; Sir John Ambrose Fleming, electrical engineer, Sidmouth, 1945; Albert Einstein, physicist, Nobel laureate 1921, Princeton, New Jersey, 1955; Ben Hecht, novelist and film writer, New York, 1964.

American patriot Paul Revere rode from Charleston to Lexington to warn of the British advance, 1775.

The remains of Dr Livingstone were interred in Westminster Abbey, 1874.

The Natural History Museum opened, South Kensington, London, 1881.

The first rumblings of the San Francisco earthquake were heard at 5.12 am. Four square miles of the city were destroyed; 450 people died, 1906.

London Bridge was sold to an American oil company, 1968.

University news is on the facing page

School announcements

Benenden School

Term starts today at Benenden School. Seniors' Day will be held on May 20. Open mornings for parents of prospective students will be held on April 22, May 13 and June 3.

Charterhouse

Cricket Quarter starts today. Giles *Hazan continues as Head of* School, and Annabel Rudebeck as Head Girl. Matthew Bowes is Captain of Cricket. A memorial service in thanksgiving for the life of Henry Southwell will be held in Chapel at noon on Saturday, April 22. Charterhouse musicians will perform Mozart's *Vespers* and Purcell's *Chacony* at a lunchtime concert at St Martin-in-the-Fields on Tuesday, May 2. Foundation and Peter Attenborough Scholarship Examinations commence on Wednesday, May 10. The Junior House Drama Competition will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, *June 7 and 8. Details of other* productions in the Ben Travers Theatre and of all concerts and music competitions may be obtained from the Headmaster's Secretary. Exeat will be from Saturday, May 27 to Wednesday, May 31. Old Carthusian Day will be on Saturday, July 1. The Quarter ends on Saturday, July 8.

Giggleswick School

Term begins today. Ashley Caton and Kaeti Strickland continue as Heads of School. The Chapel Choir will sing Choral Evensong *at York Minster on Wednesday,* April 19. The Confirmation Service will be conducted by the Bishop of Bradford, the Right Rev David Smith, on April 30. The Northern Preparatory Schools' Music Day will take place at Giggleswick on May 4. There will be an Old Giggleswickians' Reunion for those who left between 1975 and 1985, on May 13. At Speech Day, on May 27, the Preacher at the Commemoration Service will be the Archdeacon of Craven, the Ven Malcolm Grundy, BA, AKC, and the Chief Guest at Speeches and Prizegiving will be the Right Hon Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, FRSA. The Old Giggleswickians' Day is on July 1 and there will be performances of *The Importance of Being Earnest* on July 1, 4, 5 and 6. Haydn's *Nelson Mass* will be sung by the Choral Society on July 2. The Preparatory School, Catteral Hall, celebrates its Jubilee this year; there will be a Pageant on July 1. On July 8, the Guest of Honour at the Catteral Hall Jubilee Speech Day will be Mr Michael Parkinson.

Giggleswick School is a registered charity which exists for the education of children.

Marlborough College

The Summer Term at Marlborough College begins today. Mr Nicolas Allott becomes Housemaster of Cotton House. Rufus Pearl (Turner House) becomes Senior Prefect. Lee Ratcliffe (C1) is Captain of Cricket and Tamasin Smith (New Court) Captain of Girls' Tennis. The Rugby Match will be at Marlborough on June 28 and 29. Exeat is from May 27 to 31. Prize Day and Commemoration is Saturday, July 1, when term ends.

Moira House, Eastbourne

Summer Term begins today and ends on Saturday, July 1. The new School Knights are Sarah Applewhite (formerly of Moira House Junior School) and Sarah Platt (formerly of Eastbury Lodge School, Northwood). The new Standard Bearers are Caroline Bennett (formerly of St Stephen's College), *Esther Brown (formerly* of Beresford House School), Louise Foster (formerly of St Andrew's School, Meads), Kate Hawthorne (formerly of Oakham School), Fiona Htwe (formerly of St Andrew's School, Meads), Lucy James (formerly of Newlands School, Seaford), Elizabeth Prosser (formerly of St Andrew's School, Meads), Georgie Watson (formerly of Kent College). The Exchange with our partner school in Montpelier takes place from April 13 to 22. From June 16 to 22, one of our Choirs has been invited to sing at *the Kodaly International Choir* Festival in Hungary. Founders' Day is June 24, where the Guest Speaker will be Dr Sue Campbell, *MBE, Chief Executive of the* National Coaching Foundation. On Founders' Day we welcome members of the Old Girls' Club to a Reunion Lunch at the school.

The Princess Helena College

Summer term begins on April 18 and ends on July 6. Jane Bishop is Head of School and Madeline Broome her deputy. We are entering our 175th anniversary year and *on June 23 we will be holding a* Service of Celebration at Westminster Abbey at noon. Our Speech Day and Garden Party will *be held on Founders* Day, June 24, when our guest speaker will be Miss Jane Asher. All Old Girls and former Staff are welcome and for further information they should contact the Headmaster's Secretary (01462) 432100. Sports Day is on Saturday, June 3. Tickets for the Anniversary Summer Ball on July 1 may be obtained from the College.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.R. Griffiths and Miss S.A. Mead

The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Griffiths, of *Sutton, Surrey,* and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Mead, of Dulwich, London, SE21.

Mr A.J. Pearson and Miss S.J. Garner

The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Captain John Pearson, RN, and Mrs Pearson, of Southsea, Hampshire, and Samantha, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Garner, of Tachbrook Mallory, Warwickshire.

Mr A.B. Plainer *and Miss M.S. Graber*

The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Plainer, of Leeds, and *Michelle, elder daughter of Mr* and Mrs Michael Graber, of Perth, Australia.

***Mr C.R.C. Swiderski* and Miss C.B. Hadlee**

The engagement is announced between Carlos, youngest son of *Mr and Mrs Kasimir Swiderski,* of Alta, Bukowina, Poland, and Caroline, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Hadlee, of Fairstead, Essex.

Mr A.P.M. Ward and Miss S.G.C. Grant

The engagement is announced between Angus, younger son of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Ward, of Leatherhead, Surrey, and Sarah, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Grant, of Roundhay, West Yorkshire.

Latest wills

The Right Hon Henry George, 2nd Lord Nelson of Stafford, of Wootton, Eccleshall, Staffordshire, chairman of GEC 1968-83, left estate valued at £1,222,933 net.
He left £1,000 each to the Fellowship of Engineering, the University of Aston Foundation Fund, Eccleshall Church, Kings College, Cambridge, Lichfield Cathedral and Oundle School, and £500 to Chebsey church.

Mr Alwyn Dwye-Evans, of Ham Common, Richmond, Surrey, the publisher and former chairman of William Heinemann, left estate valued at £272,385 net.

Sir John Nicholas Teague Spreckley, of London W4, High Commissioner to Malaysia, 1986-91, left estate valued at £228,835 net.

Ida Vera Longman, of Ferring, West Sussex, left estate valued at £1,939,562 net.
She left a life interest in her home and its contents to a personal legatee, and the residue equally between the Battersea Dogs Home, St Dunstans, the Atkinson Morley Hospital, London, Salvation Army, International League for the Protection of Horses, Blue Cross and Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund.

Sir Henry John Bevis Lintott, of Cambridge, High Commissioner to Canada 1963-68, left estate valued at £284,363 net.

Sir Oliver Charles Barnett, QC, of Stogumber, Somerset, a former Judge Advocate General of the Armed Forces, left estate valued at £389,139 net.
He left £1,000 to the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, to benefit the Middle Temple Benefactors Fund.

Major General Lionel Alexander Harrod, of Marnhull, Dorset, Assistant Chief of Staff (Intelligence) Shape 1976-79, left estate valued at £144,185 net.

Mary Margaret Parker, of Perton, Staffordshire, left estate valued at £340,830 net.

Other estates include (net before tax):

Jane Elizabeth **Gardiner**, of Petworth, West Sussex, retired design engineer	£645,794
Mr Dennis Patrick **Holmes**, of Hythe, Kent, retired solicitor	£699,303
Miss Jean Moncrieff, of Sharpthorne, West Sussex	£557,416
Mr Gerald Anthony Henry **Palfreyman**, of Great Oxendon, Northamptonshire	£519,611
Mr Charles Caldecott **Parry**, of Llanypwll, Clwyd	£848,709
Mr Ronald Geoffrey **Pattison**, of Dorking, Surrey	£1,186,344
Mr Robert **Saxby**, of London W2	£1,193,649
Mr Arthur Leonard **Alsford**, of West Wittering, West Sussex	£811,087.
Mrs Edna Valerie **Binns**, of Hastings, East Sussex	£1,573,309.
Mr Ian Graham **Brockman**, of Ogbourne St George, Wiltshire	£661,691.
Mr Maurice Trevor **Edgley**, of Guildford, Surrey	£3,002,889.
Mrs Annette Rosanna Theresa **Goodyear**, of Streetly, West Midlands	£1,135,070.
Marguerite Madeleine **Hart**, of Wallington, Surrey	£681,795.
Mrs Carole Ann **Kiddy**, of Bristol, Avon	£682,592.
Mr Horace Arthur **Marshall**, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire	£683,539.
Mr Thomas John **Mercer**, of Fulham, London SW6	£868,571.
Mr James Christopher Lavallin **Puxley**, of Tavistock, Devon	£696,722.
Mrs Joyce Barbara Marie **Scrimgeour**, of Elstead, Surrey	£617,830.
Cissie **Taylor**, of London N20	£756,697.
Mr Arthur Peter **Wolken**, of Maida Vale, London W9	£611,600.

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Lord, you are my God: I shall exalt you, I shall praise your name, for you have done wonderful things.
Isaiah 25 : 1 (REB)

BIRTHS

HENDERSON - To Rosanna (née Raworth) and Bryan, a son Archie, a brother for Georgiana and Charles.

SOPER - On April 13th at Worcester to Mark and Penny (née Slaney) a fine son Michael Allan Slaney a brother for Eleanor.

STENNETT - On April 13th at Princess Anne Hospital, Southampton, to Caroline (née Waring) and Richard, a son, Edward William March, a brother for Tom.

MARRIAGES

LOVE:PARDEY - On Saturday, 15th April, 1995, at Liverpool Cathedral, between Professor Philip Love and Mrs Isobel Pardey.

DEATHS

BATES - R.H.T. (Ron) of East Horsley, died April 15th aged 66, late H.M. Diplomatic Service. Beloved of Jan, Jennifer, Elaine and Emma.

BEAZELEY - On Easter Day, 16th April 1995, Dr. Alexander Armitage, in his 91st year. Husband of Gerri and Gina (deceased), father of Sebastian (deceased), Philippa and Jane, stepfather to Maya and Floris, grandfather, great-grandfather and great great-grandfather. At his wish his body has been left to Newcastle University Medical School.

CUNINGHAME - John Lennox on Friday, 14th April, aged 80 after a long illness at Wargrave. Beloved husband of Judy (deceased) much loved father of Susan, grandfather of Louise, Charles and John and "Great" of Roderick MacLean.

HAMMOND - On 12th April 1995 at The Royal Marsden Hospital, Surrey, Deirdre Francis Hammond of Harmer Green, nr. Welwyn, Herts, aged 55 years. Funeral Service at The West Herts Crematorium, Garston, Watford, on Monday 24th April at 4 pm. Enquiries to Geo. W. Blow & Sons (Welwyn) Ltd., tel: (01438) 714686.

HAMMOND - Thomas Paul, beloved son of Phyllis Ann and Frederick J. Hammond and brother to Cheryl. The service will be held tomorrow (Wednesday 19th April) at St. Cuthbert's Church, Philbeach Gardens, SW5 at 1.30pm. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

HAYES - On April 13th 1995, peacefully in hospital, Kathleen Joan, aged 84 years of Newton Le Willows, much loved sister of Isabel, Jonathan and Nance. Service will take place on Friday April 21st at 11:00am in St. Peters Church, Newton Le Willows prior to a private family Committal at Walton Lea Crematorium, Warrington. Family flowers only, donations if desired to St Peters Church, Newton Le Willows, Warrington. C/o Monks Funeral Service, 100 Railway Road Leigh. Tel: 01942 605225.

HENDERSON - Edward Firth CMG on 13th April 1995 in Oxford, aged 77 years. Loved husband, father and grandfather. Cremation private. Memorial services to be arranged later will be held in London and Abu Dhabi.

HUNTER - William (Liam) Anthony. Much loved husband of Mary, father of Stephanie and Christopher, and grandfather of Thomas, Nicholas, Rowena and Anneka, suddenly after a brave fight against illness, on Wednesday 12th April. Private cremation but Memorial Service at St Mary's Church, High Street, Henley-on-Thames, at 3 pm on Friday 28th April, to which all welcome. No flowers but donations if desired to St Giles Hospice, Whittington, nr. Litchfield, Staffordshire.

MORRIS - On 13th April, Sheila, widow of Harold Hazlitt Morris, beloved mother grandmother and great grandmother, aged 87. Funeral at Arkholme Parish Church on Saturday 22nd April at 11:30. Family flowers only, donations to Arkholme Parish Church or Help the Aged.

NEWTON - On April 16th, 1995, peacefully at Church Farm, Urkle aged 76 years. Wife of the late Lance Newton. Private cremation. Service of thanksgiving at the Church of St. Peter, Saltby on Monday April 24th at 12 noon. Donations, if desired, to Nottingham Kidney Patients Association c/o David Holland and Son, London Road, Grantham, Lincolnshire.

POMEROY - On April 16th, peacefully at home Arthur John Cinnamond Pomeroy, V.R.D., Commander R.N.V.R. (retired), aged 87 of Cantley, Quebec. Beloved husband of Rowena and father of John.

POPE - Christa Pope, M.B.E., wife of John of Ross-on-Wye, on Easter Day, peacefully in hospital after a long illness. Funeral at St Mary's, Ross. Date yet to be set. Family flowers only, donations to Lloyds Bank, Ross, for her Charities.

TRIMBEE - Arthur Stephen (Bob), beloved husband of Patricia and much loved father of Nicholas and Richard, passed away peacefully in hospital on Easter Saturday aged 59 years. Service at Chichester Crematorium - to be arranged (details from 01730 262711). No flowers please, but any donations to Cancer Research Campaign.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ARMSTRONG - A Memorial Service for Brigadier E.F.E. Armstrong C.B.E. will be held in Holy Trinity Church, Amberley, Gloucestershire, on Saturday April 29th 1995 at 2.30 pm. Donations, if desired, will be divided between The Royal British Legion Amberley Branch, The British Trust for Conservation Volunteers and The Amberley Scout Group may be sent to Fred Stevens Funeral Director, Newmarket Road, Nailsworth, Glos. GL6 0DQ.

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Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the meeting.
Creditors who intend to vote at the meeting should note the following:
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W J H Ellis
Joint Administrative Receiver
Dated 12th April 1995

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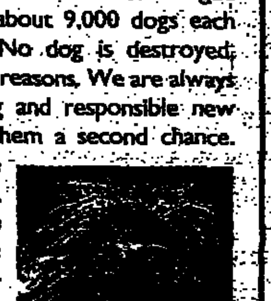

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OBITUARIES

KEITH GLENNAN

Keith Glennan, first head of America's National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) from 1958 to 1961, died on April 11 in Mitchellville, Maryland, aged 89. He was born in Enderlin, North Dakota, on September 8, 1905.

DESCRIBED by one United States senator as "the midwife to the space age", T. Keith Glennan was a prime example of the new breed of scientist-administrator which appeared in the late 1950s; his steady hand on the tiller was vital to such a complex project as getting man into space. He was not a man of the vision of a Wernher von Braun, but had both the scientific knowledge and the temperament to cope with the stormy *ethos* in which American space research was being conducted, given the painful evidence, in the Sputnik launches of 1957, that the Soviet Union had opened a huge gap between itself and the US.

His remit, on his appointment to form NASA in 1958, was simply to plan and conduct the US programme of space exploration. This sounded a good deal easier than it was. Until that point the effort had been divided between the individual armed services, since all such research had military implications. In its birth pangs NASA was hampered by lack of funds and by a lack of definition between what constituted the military and civilian use of the rocket technology available.

Yet Glennan triumphantly survived all the criticism his difficult task naturally attracted, to establish for himself a reputation as a Jules Verne-like figure whose predictions about the dates of the exploration of the Moon and Mars inspired a somewhat breathless belief. Though he was not at NASA to see these, not long after he left, on May 5, 1961, the Redstone rocket at last lifted off the launch pad at Cape Canaveral to take the first American, Commander Alan Shepard, into space.

Although the sub-orbital flight, which lasted only 15 minutes, was a lesser technical achievement than the Soviet one which had, on April 12, succeeded in putting Yuri Gagarin into space on a complete orbit round the Earth lasting 89 minutes, it was a much needed morale booster to the US and proved that the country was at least back in the space race.

Trained as an electrical engineer at Yale University, Thomas Keith Glennan graduated in 1927, less than a year after Al Jolson made *The Jazz Singer*. Glennan promptly joined a company working on the conversion of cinemas all over the United States to the new sound technology, and in 1928 was sent to England to do the same thing. At the age of 23 he was supervising the work of more than 200 British engineers and technicians, plus 85 Americans, in bringing talking movies to British screens. Two years later, before returning to the United States, he had set up operating companies in ten European countries.

Glennan's career in the film industry seemed assured. By 1939 he had been made studio manager of Paramount Pictures in Hollywood, assuming responsibility for almost every aspect of movie production, and two years later moved to do the same job for the Samuel Goldwyn studios.

But then came the Second World War and Glennan was called on to put his knowledge of audio technology to a different use. He was appointed administrator of the US Navy's underwater sound laboratory in Connecticut, and began developing and testing new methods of submarine detection, to become known as Sonar (sound navigation and ranging). His devices, especially the expendable radio sonobuoy, led to the destruction of a large number of German submarines and brought Glennan the Medal of Merit.

After a brief return to the film industry, Glennan was invited to become president of the Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland in 1947. Over the next few years he turned it from a more or less local institution into one of the nation's leading engineering schools. In 1950, at the request of President Truman, he took leave of absence from Case to become one of five commissioners of the Atomic Energy Commission. But he resigned two years later, a day before the first hydrogen bomb was tested in the Pacific.

When President Eisenhower named Glennan to form NASA in 1958, American rocket research was being carried out in the laboratories of the armed services, which had been in competition with each other to be the first to make the decisive breakthroughs of, first, a satellite, and, second, a manned orbit of the Earth. This competition naturally wasted technical resources that might more profitably have been shared and coordinated, and launch pad disasters were frequent. The launching of the successful Soviet satellite Sputnik I in 1957 had, however, galvanised a US Administration which was conscious of the public's dissatisfaction with the idea of America's being second best at anything.

At that time Wernher von Braun, designer of the German V2 and still the greatest "catch" in the rocket world, was working for the US Army. Glennan made it his priority to lure von Braun to NASA. In talking to the German rocketeer he soon sensed that von Braun was not merely interested in building bigger and better military missiles, but in getting man into space. With von Braun in his team Glennan soon managed to unite the competing scientists; but he himself had little interest in competing with the Russians and fought to keep NASA small.

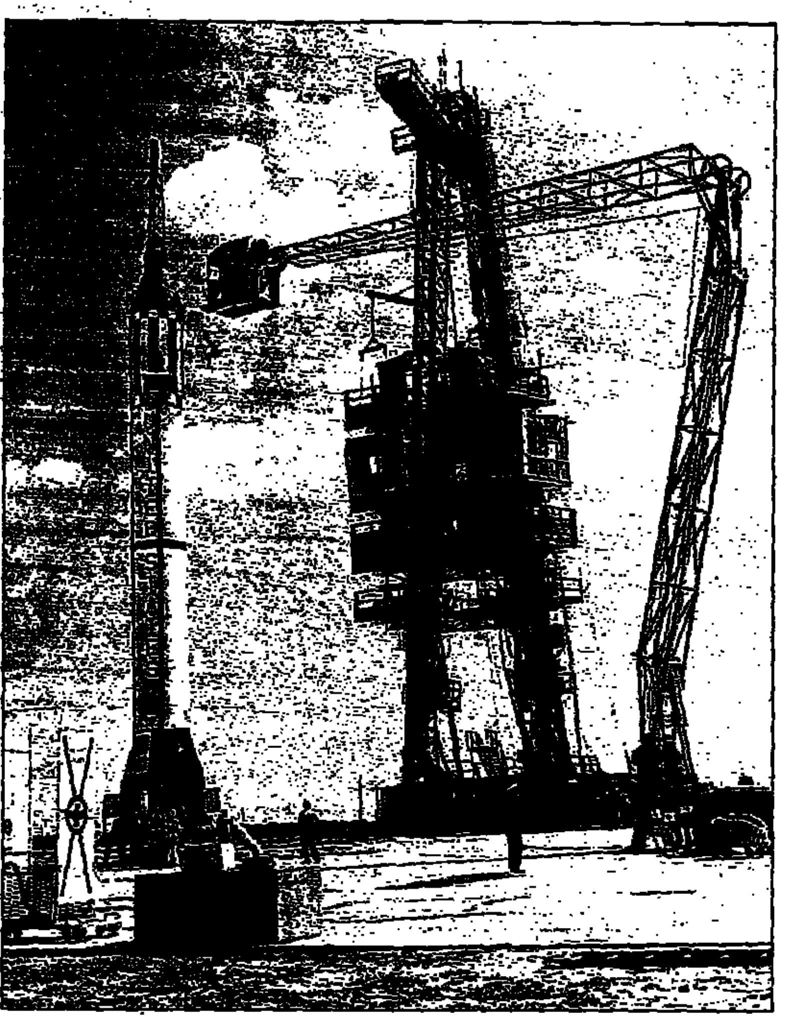
He shared Eisenhower's fear of a growing "military-industrial complex" and later warned against the problems arising out of "an overly aggressive Department of Defence and a greedy industrial community aided and abetted by scientists and technologists."

The incoming Kennedy Administration in 1961 called for massive expansion of NASA and a rapid acceleration of Glennan's original plan to attempt a manned trip to the Moon some time after 1970.

Glennan returned to his post at Case, warning his successor, James Webb, of his doubts about attempting to race the Russians to the Moon. "I don't think we should play the game according to the rules laid down by our adversary," he said.

On his retirement from Case in 1966, Glennan became the US representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna.

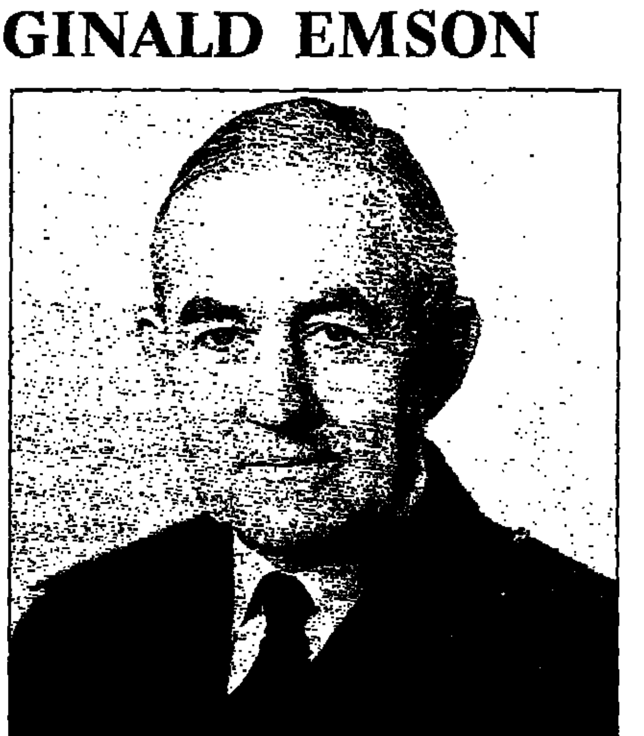
He is survived by his wife Ruth, whom he married in 1932, one son and three daughters.



The Redstone rocket which took Commander Shepard, the first American into space, on the launch pad at Cape Canaveral

AIR MARSHAL SIR REGINALD EMSON

Air Marshal Sir Reginald Emson, KBE, CB, AFC, *former Inspector-General* of the RAF, died on March 27 aged 83. He was born on January 11, 1912.



REGGIE EMSON led the purchasing team which bought the Phantom fighter and Hercules transport plane for Britain. For the best part of 40 years he was linked with the procurement and/or development of much of the RAF's fighting equipment, including the Blue Steel air-launched missile and the ill-fated TSR2 which was scrapped in the 1960s amid controversy and escalating costs.

He himself flew 34 different aircraft types, from bi-planes off the decks of the early carriers to front-line combat machines of the jet age — while trying out and demonstrating weapon systems.

Yet he inherited a love of the sea rather than the air. Born Reginald Herbert Embleton Emson at Hitcham, Buckinghamshire, he was the son of a Merchant Navy captain who went down with his ship in the First World War.

Following his father's death, Reginald Emson was educated at Christ's Hospital, proceeding to the RAF College, Cranwell, where he won the sword of honour and developed skills at a variety of sports. His first posting was as a pilot in the aircraft carrier *Courageous*.

The pattern of his career was more clearly established, however, in 1938 when he joined the experimental establishment at Martlesham Heath, Suffolk, testing systems in aircraft like the Hurricane and the Spitfire. The unit moved to Boscombe Down, near Amesbury, Wiltshire, when the outbreak of war made its east coast site appear too vulnerable.

In 1941 he was transferred to Bomber Command's gunnery research unit near Exeter where Emson set up a study of the problems of gun aiming and helped to develop the gyro sight. This provided airborne gun crews with a stabilised sight and was soon adopted as standard equipment by the service. Emson's Air Force Cross reflected his involvement with the project.

He next did a tour as armaments officer in Fighter Command's Stanmore headquarters and another at the Ministry of Aircraft Production on the Embankment where he was responsible for technical research and development.

In 1944 he crossed to the United States to help sell the gyro gun sight to the US Army Air Force before moving to his last wartime appointment at the Central Fighter Establishment, first at Wittering near Stamford, then at Tangmere.

Emson's progress after the war was in the direction his career had taken during it. His reputation as a technical specialist earned him a place as chief instructor at the Air Armaments School, Manby, 1945-46, after which he went on a world tour demonstrating a newly-developed revolving gun turret. After a spell at the Ministry of Supply as director of armament research and development he travelled to Egypt as Middle East Command's armaments officer.

He left for Washington in 1961 to be air attaché and commander of RAF staff in the US, returning as Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (operational requirements), 1963-66. He was promoted Deputy Chief of the Air Staff in 1966 then in the following year became Inspector-General.

The post of Inspector-General had had a chequered history. It had been aborted, reborn, killed off again then resurrected during the 50 years since its creation at the end of the First World War. Emson's brief was to monitor the training and efficiency of the RAF and its equipment, advising the Air Council (now the Air Board) on the efficacy of its policies.

But on his retirement in 1969 after two years touring the world and its RAF bases, the post was scrapped once more — this time for good. Emson had the unsought distinction of being the last Inspector-General of the RAF.

He took on a number of directorships on leaving the RAF, but otherwise fully retired to his Berkshire home. He kept himself fit and active to the end. A tall, athletic man, he once played squash for the RAF and was an accomplished cricketer and rugby and hockey player. He was a friendly, uncomplicated person, full of good humour and with many friends.

Emson's wife Doreen, whom he first met while he was at Cranwell and whom he married in 1934, died four years ago and he is survived by two sons and two daughters.

PETER BRINSON

Peter Brinson, founder of Ballet for All, writer, educator, and administrator for the arts, died in London on April 7 aged 72. He was born in Llandudno on March 6, 1923.

PETER BRINSON undertook so many different activities, not always obviously related, as journalist, educator, administrator, film-maker, that he could have been in danger of being mistaken for a dilettante by those who did not know the sincerity, zeal, application and excellence he brought to all of these activities.

A wide public will probably remember him best, and most gratefully, as deviser, director, scriptwriter and, in early days, presenter of the Royal Ballet's Ballet for All tours during the 1960s. With a handful of young dancers, Brinson offered what was ostensibly only an introduction to some of the most popular standard works, but the detail, lucidity and fascination with which he analysed, say, a duet from *Swan Lake*, the romantic context of *Giselle* or the different styles of French and Russian versions of *Coppélia*, gave audiences all over the country fresh and lasting insight. There was much indignation and sadness when, after he had moved on, Covent Garden's economies compelled Ballet for All to die.

Brinson went on to transform the way dance is taught, organised and regarded in Britain and many other countries. Yet when he came down from Keble College, Oxford, in 1948 (after war service in the North African desert), it had looked as if film would provide his career. He first joined the London Film Centre as scriptwriter and research director, and in 1954 became the first editor of the magazine *Films and Filming*.

By 1952, however, he had already begun an involvement with dance. That was the year of his memorable short film *The Black Swan* — the first to use stereoscopic techniques for ballet — with the Covent Garden stars Beryl Gray and John Field dancing an excerpt from *Swan Lake*. That year also saw the first of Brinson's freelance contributions on dance to *The Times* and its supplements, and to all the leading British dance magazines. Soon after, he edited the short sequences of Anna Pavlova's dancing which Douglas Fairbanks had filmed in Hollywood 30 years before, and had music added for the first time.

Brinson's invention and directorship of Ballet for All was preceded by a busy decade of freelance work which included writing (jointly with the ballet director Peggy van Praagh), his first and perhaps most ambitious book, *The Choreographic Art* (1963). His other activities included writing about wine as well as the arts, involvement in television programmes about dance, and extramural lectures on ballet for Oxford, Cambridge and London universities.

In 1968 Brinson became director of the Royal Academy of Dancing. He began a much-needed reform of its workings but left after 18 months when he found a complete transformation beyond him in the circumstances then prevailing. A more rewarding administrative post soon came his way. He became director, for ten years from 1972, of the UK and British Commonwealth branch of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation.

Among his achievements there were an acceptance of the importance of ethnic minority arts, an impressive report on dance education in Britain, and the institution of an annual summer course where would-be choreographers and composers could develop their skills.

Subsequently, Brinson's services were constantly in demand: academic appointments at York University, Toronto, and the Laban Centre at Goldsmiths College, London; reporting to several Commonwealth governments on how best to support and fund dance and its training; chairing the dance board of the Council for National Academic Awards; lecturing in Britain and abroad. How he managed to keep up his indefatigible activities, and to be an assiduous attender of dance performances, was a constant puzzle to those who knew that for more than 15 years, supported by his long-time companion, Werdon Anglin, he had been undergoing repeated debilitating treatment for cancer.

Brinson, beneath his soft-spoken, gentle manner, believed passionately that everyone should have the chance to enjoy the arts. In particular, his largely successful struggle to improve the quality of dance education was inspired less by an academic emphasis than by a belief that the practice of dance or other arts was an essential part of a proper education.

He won immense respect for his dedication and achievement, and it was characteristic of him that when this was recognised by his election to the Digital Dance Award for 1992, he used the prize money to start an inquiry into how best to keep dancers of all kinds healthy and free from injuries.

THE HON PETER BRASSEY

Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon Peter Brassey, former Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, died on March 14 aged 87. He was born on December 5, 1907.

THE tower of Normanton Church, rising like a beacon beside the banks of Rutland Water, might be seen as a lasting memorial to Peter Brassey. As chairman of the old Welland and Nene Rivers Authority, he had a hand in creating the reservoir, the largest man-made stretch of water in this country. Opened 18 years ago on the Cambridgeshire-Leicestershire-Lincolnshire borders, it now supplies 500,000 customers a day.

But as chairman of the Normanton Tower Trust, Brassey also led a vigorous campaign to save the historic church from being submerged. A place of worship had existed on the site since the Middle Ages and was a familiar landmark in the region. The result was an engineering project which raised the floor of the building by three metres, then built an embankment outside to help protect it.

Three quarters surrounded by water and reached from the banks of the reservoir by a causeway, the de-consecrated church is now a museum run by Anglian Water, attracting 30,000 visitors a year.

Peter Brassey's leadership of the project reflects his background as a local man. Born Peter (Esmé) Brassey at the family seat Apethorpe Hall, he was the youngest of six sons of the first Lord Brassey — formerly Leonard Brassey, a Conservative MP for North Northamptonshire and Peterborough earlier this century. The family fortune had been bequeathed, however, by an earlier forebear, Thomas Brassey, an international railway contractor in the last century.

Peter Brassey went from Eton to Magdalene College, Cambridge, to read law, before being called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1931. He practised on the Midland Circuit before being commissioned into the Northamptonshire Yeomanry and serving throughout the campaign in North West Europe.

He was wounded in the battle for Normandy. While fighting in an apple orchard he was shot between the thumb and first finger of his right hand. After treatment he returned to the front, being transferred to the legal division of the Control Commission for Germany for 12 months at the end of the war. But he never recaptured the use of his right thumb and was prone to drop cups of tea throughout the rest of his life.

Peter Brassey had married in 1944 Lady Romayne Cecil, second daughter of the 5th Marquess of Exeter. Rather than return to the Bar on being demobilised, he took over a 500-acre farm on his father-in-law's estates and ran it for the next quarter of a century before handing it over to his son about twenty years ago.

At the same time he began to enter public life. He was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Huntingdonshire and Peterborough in 1961, served as High Sheriff in 1966 and was Vice-Lieutenant, 1966-74. Then in 1975, the year following the reorganisation of local government, he was made Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire and held the post for six years. He was also chairman of the bench at Peterborough for many years and was president of the East of England Agricultural Society in 1974. He was a director of the Essex Water Company, 1970-85, and chairman, 1981-85.

A calm, fair-minded, unflappable and well-liked man, Peter Brassey's chief recreational interests were shooting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife Romayne and by two sons and a daughter, Mrs Rowena Feilden, a lady in waiting to the Princess Royal.

University news

Reading

Research grants and contracts, from the research councils, include the following:

Dr K Niranjan (Food Science and Technology), £158,584 from the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council — impeller agitated aerobic bioreactors: new insights into gas hold-up and mass transfer in highly viscous liquids.

Mr K T Bright (Construction Management & Engineering), £73,230 from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council — colour selection and the visually impaired - a design guide for building refurbishment.

Dr S Pearson, Dr P Hadley (Horticulture & Landscape), Dr A E Wheeler (Engineering), Professor A Gilbert and Dr F J Davis (Chemistry), £141,307 from the EPSRC — the development of enhanced polyethylene cladding materials for greenhouses and horticultural tunnels.

Professor R Flanagan (Construction Management & Engineering), £62,536 from the EPSRC — changing the labour capital balance in the construction industry.

Professor G G Jones (Economics), £109,390 from the Economic and Social Research Council — strategy and organisation of British Trading Companies circa 1890-present.

Professor F P McKenna and Mr M Horswill (Psychology), £103,990 from the ESRC — risk taking: the participant's perspective.

Professor P T Smith (Psychology), £95,890 from the ESRC — prospective memory, anxiety and age.

Professor A O'Neill (Centre for Global Atmospheric Modelling), £71,996 from the Natural Environment Research Council — ugamp high performance computing initiative.

Dr A J Illingworth (Meteorology), £158,731 from the NERC — triple doppler measurements of airflow in mesoscale precipitation systems.

Dr J E Rae (Postgraduate Research Institute for Sedimentology), £91,109 from the NERC — contribution of river sediments to the translocation of pesticides.

Professor R J Gurney (Geography), £562,400 from the NERC — NERC Unit for Thematic Information Systems at the University of Reading.

Dr A Parker and Dr J E Rae (Postgraduate Research Institute for Sedimentology), £91,109 from the NERC — contribution of river sediments to the translocation of pesticides.

From other bodies:

Professor M L Coleman (Postgraduate Research Institute for Sedimentology), £38,098 from BP Exploration Operating — chlorine isotope analysis of formation waters.

Dr R H Phipps (Agriculture-CEDAR), £33,000 from Dalgeties Agriculture — studies with forage maize.

Professor A H Lettington (Physics), £30,967 from the Defence Research Agency (MOD) — millimetre wave imaging research.

Dr T Rehman (Agriculture), £52,096 from the European Commission (Human Capital Programme) — economics of marginal and mountainous areas and forest-timber environment systems.

Professor B Traill (Agriculture Economics and Management), £69,420 from the European Community — consumer-led approach to foods in the EC.

Professor G G Birch (Food Science and Technology) and Dr M G B Drew (Chemistry), £200,788 from the EC — mechanistic understanding of the sweetness response.

Dr M Bishop and Professor K Warwick (Cybernetics), £111,453 from the EC — senario.

Dr S A Booth (Economics), £132,209 from the EC — creation of model centre for agricultural enterprise and revisions of economics courses. TEMPUS-TACIS.

Dr J Slingo (Meteorology), £59,040 from the EC — decadal and interdecadal climate variability: dynamics and predictability experiments.

Dr M H Gordon (Food Science and Technology), £58,080 from the EC — isolation and investigation of natural antioxidants effective in preserving food quality.

Dr D Hallam (Agricultural Economics and Management), £36,000 from Llandell Mills Market Research — future trends in world's dairy trading.

Professor A J Gurr (English), £134,724 from the Leverhulme Trust — a study of how Shakespeare's plays were staged at the playhouse for which they were written.

Dr C Garforth (Agricultural Extension and Rural Development), £58,000 from the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food — persuading farmers to adopt nitrate-reducing practices.

Professor B J Alloway (Soil Science), £166,942 from the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food — vulnerability of soils to pollution by heavy metals.

Professor K A Browning (Joint Centre for Mesoscale Meteorology), £267,154 from the Meteorological Office-Joint Centre for Mesoscale Meteorology.

Dr D I F Grimes (Meteorology), £31,762 from the Overseas Development Administration — flow forecasting in Africa using satellite rainfall estimates.

Dr L P Simmonds (Soil Science), £24,268 from the ODA — sap flow gauge for water use by groundnut crops.

Dr S J Dobson (Physics), £40,000 from Pearpoint Limited — optical design.

Professor D L Pyle (Food Science and Technology), £26,000 from UKAEA-ETSU — energy efficiency in the food and drink industry.

ON THIS DAY

April 18 1961

The Bay of Pigs disaster. America was humiliated when Cuban exiles, trained and assisted by the CIA, landed at Bahia de Cochinos in the hope that the populace would support them. It did not, and the invaders were quickly rounded up.

ANTI-CASTRO FORCES LAND ON SHORES OF CUBA

NEW YORK, April 17

Heavy fighting continued in parts of Cuba tonight as the Cuban Army and militiamen strove to repel the invading forces that began landing in the island early this morning. No direct news reports came from the island during the day, all communications being cut soon after the first landing took place, and there was no reliable indication of whether the invaders were receiving support from Cubans within the island, without which an invasion can have little hope of success.

Dr. Castro, the Cuban Prime Minister, who was himself said to be leading the defence forces in one engagement on the beaches, claimed over the Cuban radio that Government troops were successfully overcoming their attackers. But a report from some Cuban exiles in the United States, who are organizing the attempt to overthrow the Castro regime, said that it was the rebels who were making progress.

Another report from exiles claimed that thousands of Cubans had already joined the rebel forces, but the Government radio said that Cubans were flocking into the streets of the main towns to take up arms in support of Dr. Castro, now fighting for the life of his regime.

From broadcasts monitored from the Cuban Government radio, it appeared that the raiders had successfully penetrated 25 miles inland from landings on the coast south-east of Havana, the island capital. Appeals were made for medical help at Jaguey Grande in Matanzas province just north of Las Villas province, and at the Las Villas beach, where the main landing seems to have been made.

Reports about the size and number of the landings are conflicting. Dr. Castro said that the invaders were attacking various points in the south of Las Villas province, and that the landing forces were being supported by aircraft and warships.

Cuban exiles in the United States, however, made no mention of a landing in Las Villas but reported that forces had gone ashore in Oriente province, in the south-east, and Pinar Del Rio province, in the extreme west. The intention, apparently was to join up with any other Cubans who were prepared to join the fight against Dr. Castro.

One rebel organization here claimed that some 5,000 invaders would be in Cuba by tomorrow, but the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Rusk, said in Washington that his reports were that the invasion was not on a large scale.

It was from Guatemala that, Dr. Castro said, came the three aircraft which attacked Cuban airfields on Saturday, when he denied that the pilots had defected from the Cuban Air Force. The argument about the source of these air attackers has still not been satisfactorily resolved, but has been dwarfed by today's more spectacular events in the island.

The Guatemalan Government has issued a denial that any of the invaders came from Guatemala.

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

300 safe after catamaran hits rock

■ *Marine safety inspectors launched an investigation after 300* passengers aboard a catamaran ferry were forced to jump for their lives into rafts when the vessel began taking on water a few hundred yards off the Jersey coast in a Force 4 wind.

The *St. Malo*, which sails between Brittany and the Channel Islands and is operated by the French company Channiland, sent out a mayday message at 10am after being holed on rocks and in danger of sinking.......... **Pages 1, 3**

Our Man in Madrid feels the heat

■ In an extremely uncommon rebuke from one ally to another, David Brighty, Her Majesty's Ambassador to Spain, was called from his residence to the Foreign Ministry in Madrid for a dressing down over Whitehall's support for Canada in the transatlantic fishing war.......... **Pages 1, 7**

Situation normal

Deserted beaches, clear roads and abandoned barbecues marked *a return to traditional* Bank Holiday weather as the Easter weekend ended in cold *winds and rain*.......... **Page 1**

Warning to teachers

Parents and governors said that increasingly militant teachers would forfeit their support if campaigns over class sizes led to industrial action.......... **Page 1**

A nation divided

The gap between rich and poor in the United States is greater than in any other industrialised country, *according to research that* undermines America's mythical self-image as an egalitarian "classless society".......... **Page 1**

Union agrees action

Leaders of the second biggest teaching union agreed a flexible strategy of industrial action against large classes that aims to avoid strikes.......... **Page 2**

Pornography ban

Computer users at the Lord Louis Library in Newport, Isle of Wight, are to be asked to sign an *undertaking not to use the Inter*net for pornography.......... **Page 4**

Safety fears aired

Public fear of the mentally ill has risen because of the Government's policy of closing long-stay psychiatric hospitals, a survey suggests.......... **Page 4**

Screen dispute

The director of the British Film Institute has been accused of al*lowing "mediocrity and vulgarity"* to dominate screenings at the National Film Theatre, with allegations that the balance between "trashy" films and serious cinema has been lost.......... **Page 5**

The tourist trap

The days have long gone when visitors and residents consorted happily in Bath. Nowadays tourists waving from open-top buses are more likely to be greeted with a scowl than a smile, while in peak summer months the crowds and the queues often destroy any *sense of tranquillity*.......... **Page 6**

Water rationed

Britons staying in villas on the drought-stricken Costa del Sol were the first to suffer when the regional water authority reduced its supplies again after the Spanish Easter holiday.......... **Page 7**

Nuclear appeal

The United States appealed to China to abandon a planned *nuclear deal with Iran that could* help the Islamic republic to build a nuclear bomb.......... **Page 8**

Inside Aum Shinrikyo

In the foothills of Mount Fuji, Aum Shinrikyo sect members live in a secluded world of yoga and meditation while outside their sanctuary the scene resembles an armed camp, with swarms of heavily armed police.......... **Page 10**

Sacked executive challenges earl

■ The Earl of Shelburne, former president of the Historic Houses Association and a close friend of the Prince of Wales, faces a claim of unfair dismissal on Thursday from the woman *he appointed to run a multimillion-pound golf course on his* estate at Bowood, Wiltshire. Sally-Jane Coode, 51, was dismissed as chief executive last June.......... **Page 3**

ROSS PARRY

Umbrellas and equanimity were the order of the Bank Holiday as high winds and waves battered the seafront at Scarborough

BUSINESS

Acquisitive action: Fisons is in takeover talks with rival drugs group Medeva. City analysts say the pharmaceutical company could fetch £900 million.......... **Page 40**

Currency struggles: The dollar remained weak against the yen in New York as the Clinton Administration stepped up its confrontation with Japan over the Japanese trade surplus.......... **Page 40**

Customer complaints: Two in every *ten bank* and building society current account holders are dissatisfied, according to a survey by Abbey National.......... **Page 40**

City surprise: *The campaign by* United Gas to force British Gas to convert Transco, its pipeline arm, into a distinct *subsidiary*, has surprised City analysts.......... **Page 40**

Football: Manchester United dropped two points in their chase for the FA Carling Premiership title when they drew 0-0 with Chelsea at Old Trafford.......... **Page 21**

Show jumping: Nick Skelton, of Britain, riding Everest Dollar Girl, won the Volvo World Cup final in Gothenburg.......... **Page 22**

Racing: *Michael Stoute, the champion* trainer, discusses his prospects for the Flat season, which begins in earnest at Newmarket today.......... **Page 29**

Tennis: Clare Wood, Britain's No 1 *player, has emerged after a career*-threatening injury to reveal why she "was happiest in my personal life *when I was unhappiest in my* professional one".......... **Page 30**

Motherless child: Hope Edelman was 17 when her mother died. She tells Julia Llewellyn Smith how lost she feels without a same-sex role model.......... **Page 15**

Shopping success: Nigella Lawson finds that ordering goods by telephone saves time and avoids temptation.......... **Page 15**

Body and Mind: Sam Galbraith, a Labour MP and neurosurgeon, on how his lung transplant has given him a new life.......... **Page 14**

Moral judgments: *France's Justice* Department has produced guidelines for judges which advise *against cohabiting with prostitutes* or hitchhiking.......... **Page 33**

Masterly mentor: Yfrah Neaman was a violin prodigy who narrowly escaped the Holocaust. Today he campaigns to promote talent in young musicians.......... **Page 12**

Muted musicians: They may have been around since 1988, but the Boo Radleys perform as if they are still finding their feet.......... **Page 12**

Modernist man: Kettle's Yard celebrates the centenary of *Jim Ede*, whose collection of art was a revelation to many students at Cambridge in the Sixties.......... **Page 13**

Moving memories: Laurence Boswell directs an excellent touring production of John Mortimer's autobiographical drama, *A Voyage Round My Father*.......... **Page 13**

IN THE TIMES

■ COOL SCHOOL
Iain R. Webb
on the look
for summer —
the halterneck

■ HOME THOUGHTS
Estate agents on
ways to cope with
the stress of buying,
or selling, a house

The United Nations starts a review today of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. The nuclear powers cannot continue to emphasise how essential nuclear arms are to deter the use of chemical and biological weapons, and at the same time expect other states to forgo them forever.

— *The New York Times*

The government of Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller is in the midst of a "crackdown" against Kurdish activism. In fairness to Istanbul, not every political organisation plays nice, especially the Kurdistan Workers Party.

— *Los Angeles Times*

Preview: *The Holylands: A Troubled Peace* is a striking start to a three-part documentary (C4, 9pm). **Review:** Joe Joseph is surprised by passionate developments between Clodagh and the previously reserved Alice in Joanna Trollope's *A Village Affair*.......... **Page 39**

Turbulent teachers

Children who have a poor education suffer for the rest of their lives. Teachers — who consider themselves professionals — should not tolerate anything less than professional standards. And they should put the interests of their pupils first.......... **Page 17**

Modern Victorians

When Margaret Thatcher announced her championship of Victorian values, Neil Kinnock accused her of supporting "cruelty, misery, drudgery, squalor, and ignorance". *But there was another* side to that period.......... **Page 17**

Trippers' Catch-22

Away from the tourist trails there is still plenty of wilderness for those who want it. Managing the tourist explosion is a necessity the British should be good at.......... **Page 17**

BERNARD LEVIN

Imagine my *astonishment* when I learnt that I would be going home not with the merry lilt of Hans Werne Henze's sparkling tunes ringing in my ears, but those of Mr Robert Dylan.......... **Page 16**

TIMOTHY GARTON ASH

Johannes Gross, Germany's Auberon Waugh, *recently* wrote a newspaper diary which quoted with pleasure — not to say with *Schadenfreude — a list of oxymorons* that began with "military intelligence" and ended with "Great *Britain*". *So much for us*.......... **Page 16**

Keith Glennan, first head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; **Air Marshal Sir Reginald Emson**, former RAF Inspector-General; **Peter Brinson**, arts administrator; **the Hon Peter Brassey**, former Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire.......... **Page 19**

Proposals for conditional legal fees; Bosnian refugees with temporary status; patients who are awake during surgery.......... **Page 17**

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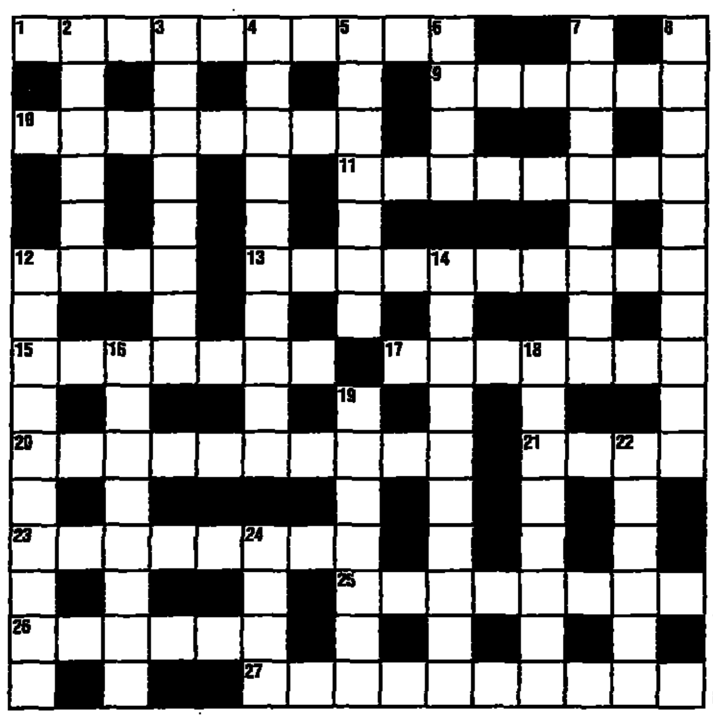

ACROSS

1 Witch, upset about one scheme being rejected, casting spells (5,5).
9 Do I have a voice? (6).
10 Cow is straight into the marshy area (8).
11 Risk a wet fall (5-3).
12 Heads off into Northern Canada, hoping to locate a small island (4).
13 It's very different, with Europeans *out of consideration* (5,5).
15 Burden official with bucket (7).
17 Part exchange iodine for oxygen in exploit (5-2).
20 Used to tie up the petty cash (10).
21 Sir Thomas and Sir John losing heart (4).
23 Many with mental suffering become depressed (8).
25 The way in which goose is mistaken for a pen (8).
26 Prime mover in the robbery, he believes (6).
27 Ex-monk is not working (3,2,5).

DOWN

2 Chicken crossing a road that's concrete (6).
3 Combined to irritate the lady (8).
4 What determines tournament champion, possibly (5,5).
5 Part of boat in which fish can be heard (7).
6 Players project style (4).
7 Tune's tempo establishes the atmosphere (8).
8 Fighting in the underground (10).
12 I slip up, with the result that cement is not firm (10).
14 Dish removed from the menu after a strong representation (10).
16 Struggle with fish (8).
18 Kill spymaster — always boss (8).
19 Superior stovepipe? (4-3).
22 About to sit and take a rest (6).
24 Knowledgeable about contents of print-out (4).

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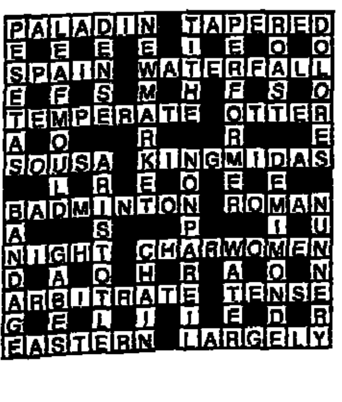

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Salcombe, Devon 15C (59F); lowest day max: Sella Ness, Shetland, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Wick, Highland, 0.28in; highest sunshine: Isles of Scilly, 9.8hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** cold, showery weather will spread down from the north. Clearer weather, with sunny intervals and wintry showers, over Wales and northern England will soon replace early rain in the south and South East. Much colder than recently, the northwest wind adding to the chill. Frost is likely overnight.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have sunny or clear spells and frequent wintry showers, these giving significant snowfall over the High*lands. Central Scotland will be* relatively sheltered. Cold with widespread frost at night.

☐ **London, SE, E England, E Anglia, E Midlands:** rain at first, then showers, turning wintry later. Wind west to northwest fresh decreasing. Max 8C-10C (46F-50F).

Central S, SW England, Channel Isles: rain at first, then showers. Wind northwest moderate or fresh. Max 9C-11C (48F-52F).

☐ **W Midlands, Wales, Isle of Man, Argyll, N Ireland:** frequent heavy wintry showers, snow on hills. Wind *northwest fresh or strong. Max 6C-8C* (43F-46F).

☐ **NW, Central N, NE England, Lakes, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow:** sunny intervals and scattered wintry showers. Wind northwest mainly moderate. *Max 7C-9C (45F-48F).*

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** heavy snow showers, drifting on hills. Wind north to northwest fresh or strong. Max 4C-6C (39F-43F).

☐ **Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday:** cold in all areas with further wintry showers and overnight frost.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.5	0.05	8	46	sh
Anglesey	1.7	-	12	54	c
Aspatria	3.9	-	9	48	c
Aviemore	0.2	0.06	9	48	sh
Belfast	1.7	0.01	13	55	r
Birmingham	1.3	-	11	52	c
Bognor R	3.1	-	14	57	c
Bournem'th	7.4	-	14	57	b
Bristol	3.2	-	13	55	b
Buxton	1.4	0.01	7	45	c
Cardiff	3.8	-	12	54	b
Clacton	1.1	-	13	55	c
Cleethorpes	0.7	-	11	52	c
Colwyn Bay	1.4	0.02	11	52	sh
Cromer	4.4	-	10	50	c
Doncaster	3.6	-	12	54	b
Dunbar	X				
Eastbourne	X				
Edinburgh	3.0	-	12	54	c
Eskdalemuir	3.9	-	11	52	b
Exmouth	8.0	-	13	55	b
Falmouth	X	-	12	54	c
Fishguard	2.2	0.02	9	48	d
Folkestone	0.7	-	13	55	c
Glasgow	0.6	-	11	52	c
Guernsey	X				
Hastings	2.1	-	14	57	c
Hayling I.	5.8	-	13	55	s
Herne Bay	1.7	-	12	54	c
Hove	5.6	0.02	13	55	b
Hunstanton	3.5	-	11	52	c
Ilfracombe	X				
Isle of Man	2.0	-	12	54	c
Jersey	6.9	-	13	55	b
Kinloss	1.3	0.05	8	46	sh
Leeds	6.0	-	12	54	b
Lerwick	5.3	0.08	5	41	h
Leuchars	1.2	-	13	55	c
Littlehmptn	3.3	-	12	54	b
Liverpool	2.1	0.02	9	48	r
London	1.8	-	13	55	c
Lowestoft	X				
Manchester	0.8	-	10	50	c
Margate	2.0	-	12	54	c
Minehead	X				
Morecambe	2.6	-	11	52	c
Newcastle	X				
Newquay	7.7	-	11	52	b
Penzance	8.7	-	14	57	s
Plymouth	6.1	-	12	54	s
Poole	7.1	-	15	59	s
Prestatyn	X	-	10	50	du
Ross-o-wye	5.1	-	13	55	s
Ryde	4.7	-	14	57	b
Salcombe	9.5	-	15	59	s
Sandown	5.0	-	14	57	b
Saunton Snd	7.2	-	12	54	s
Scarboro'	3.3	-	10	50	c
Scilly Isles	9.8	-	13	55	s
Shanklin	X	-	13	55	b
Shrewsbury	0.8	-	11	52	c
Skegness	X				
Southend	X	-	12	54	b
Southport	2.7	0.01	9	48	du
Southsea	5.4	-	14	57	s
Stornoway	0.1	0.09	9	48	r
Swanage	6.1	-	15	59	b
Teignmouth	8.8	-	12	54	b
Tenby	8.4	-	13	55	b
Tiree	0.2	0.02	10	50	r
Torquay	8.4	-	15	59	b
Tynemouth	-	-	11	52	c
Ventnor	5.7	-	14	57	b
West-s-mare	X				
Weymouth	7.6	-	14	57	s

These are Sunday's figures

ABROAD

	C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	c
Akrotiri	20	68	f
Alex'dria	22	72	s
Algiers	19	66	s
Amst'dm	9	48	r
Athens	19	66	f
Bahrain	29	84	s
Bangkok	35	95	f
Barbados	30	86	f
Barcelona	15	59	s
Beirut	21	70	f
Belgrade	9	48	r
Berlin	6	43	c
Bermuda	20	68	s
Biarritz	12	54	c
Borde'x	14	57	f
Brussels	9	48	c
Budapst	13	55	s
Cairo	31	88	s
Cape Tn	20	68	s
Chicago	16	61	f
Ch'church	15	59	-
Cologne	9	48	r
C'phagn	5	41	f
Corfu	13	55	f
Dublin	10	50	r
Dubrovnik	13	55	c
Faro	23	73	s
Florence	15	59	f
Frankfurt	9	48	r
Funchal	19	66	s
Geneva	11	52	f
Gibraltar	20	68	s
Helsinki	5	41	f
Hong K	29	84	f
Innsbrck	11	52	f
Istanbul	13	55	c
Jeddah	-	--	
Jo'burg	-	--	
Karachi	31	88	f
L Palmas	23	73	f
Le Tquet	10	50	f
Lisbon	22	72	s
Locarno	19	66	s
L Angels	9	48	r
Luxembg	7	45	d
Luxor	38	100	s
Madrid	18	64	s
Majorca	18	64	f
Malaga	19	66	f
Malta	17	63	f
Melb'rne	14	57	c
Mexico C	-	--	
Miami	27	81	f
Milan	20	68	s
Montreal	4	39	f
Moscow	13	55	c
Munich	7	45	c
Nairobi	26	79	f
Naples	16	61	s
N Delhi	33	91	s
N York	15	59	s
Nice	16	61	s
Oslo	1	34	sn
Paris	11	52	r
Peking	24	75	s
Perth	20	68	f
Prague	6	43	r
Reykjavik	-1	30	s
Rhodes	18	64	s
Rio de J	26	79	f
Riyadh	-	--	
Rome	17	63	f
Salzburg	6	43	r
S F'risco	12	54	s
Santiago	23	73	s
S Paulo	25	77	c
Seoul	22	72	s
Sing'por	29	84	r
St'kholm	5	41	f
Strasb'rg	9	48	c
Sydney	20	68	s
Tangier	22	72	s
Tel Aviv	29	84	c
Tenerife	22	72	s
Tokyo	23	73	s
Toronto	11	52	s
Tunis	17	63	c
Valencia	20	68	s
Vanc'ver	10	50	s
Venice	14	57	f
Vienna	11	52	f
Warsaw	8	46	f
Wash'ton	18	64	c
Wel'ngton	16	61	f
Zurich	9	48	f

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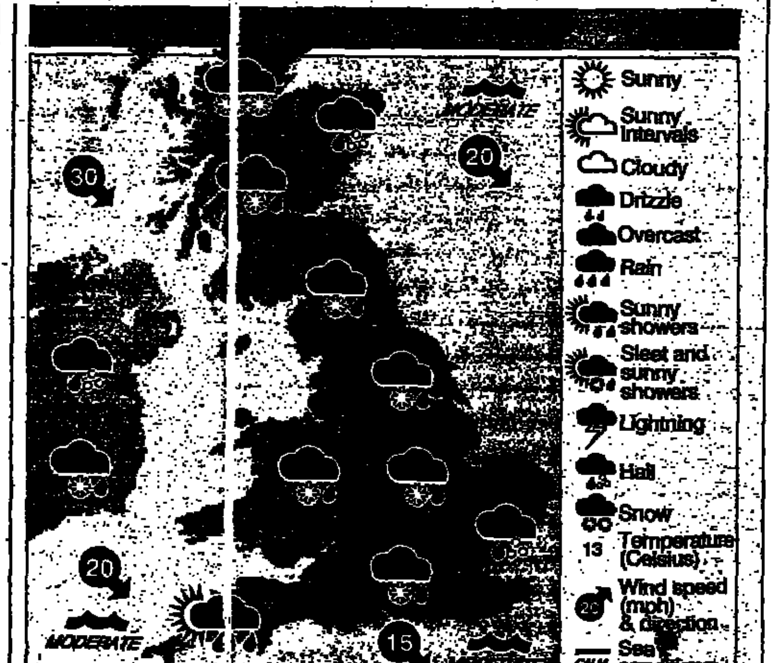

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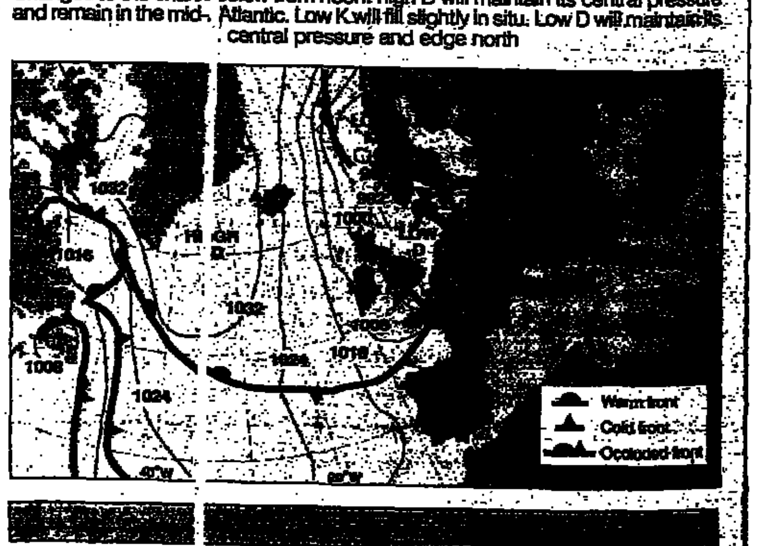

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Avonmouth	8:59	13.86	9:19	13.65
Belfast	0:23	3.50	0:52	3.59
Cardiff	8:47	12.30	9:09	12.11
Devonport	7:41	5.51	8:00	5.58
Dover	0:19	6.92	0:43	6.78
Dublin	0:54	4.26	1:29	4.30
Falmouth	6:41	5.38	7:00	5.25
Glasgow	2:36	4.84	2:49	4.80
Harwich	1:21	4.16	1:44	4.09
Holyhead	—	—	0:05	5.76
Hull	7:55	7.70	8:17	7.79
Ilfracombe	7:41	9.60	8:02	9.57
King's Lynn	7:53	7.29	8:15	7.31
Leith	4:14	5.77	4:40	5.85
Liverpool	0:40	9.90	1:02	9.80
Lowestoft	11:13	2.51	11:38	2.58
Margate	1:31	5.01	1:51	4.90
Milford Haven	7:54	7.30	8:17	7.26
Newquay	6:42	7.29	7:03	7.04
Oban	7:19	3.99	7:37	[illegible]
Penzance	6:19	5.53	6:42	5.49
Portland	8:37	2.11	9:09	2.08
Portsmouth	0:49	4.85	1:18	4.85
Shoreham	0:39	6.58	1:08	6.49
Southampton	0:08	4.82	0:33	4.78
Swansea	8:06	9.96	8:27	9.88
Tees	5:18	5.60	6:05	5.59
W'ton-on-Nze	1:18	4.58	1:41	4.37

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Bristol 8.11 pm to 6.07 am
Edinburgh 8.25 pm to 5.59 am
Manchester 8.14 pm to 6.01 am
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Failure to beat Chelsea strengthens Blackburn's hand in Premiership run-in

Title hopes fade for faltering United

Manchester United 0
Chelsea 0

By Peter Ball

CHELSEA, over the years, have been just about the last team Manchester United have wanted as visitors when the chase is on. So it proved again yesterday as the rain poured down at Old Trafford, the London side earning an invaluable point with a measured defensive performance to thwart United.

So, United failed to put pressure on Blackburn Rovers at the top of the FA Carling Premiership, not the first time they have spurned the opportunity to close the gap, even if only for a few hours. "Two weeks ago we thought it was all over," Paul Ince, the United and England midfield player, said. "We had a glimmer of hope when Leeds drew with Blackburn on Saturday, and it has gone again now, but we really lost it a fortnight ago."

On this occasion, the scoreline told the story, United's third goalless draw in four home matches measuring the gap between the two top teams. "Without Giggs, Kanchelskis and Sharpe at home, it was difficult for us to stretch them," Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said. Even so, they created some chances, but they are firing blanks when they need to be at their most explosive. At the death, too, they had little luck, the referee refusing loud appeals for a penalty when Johnsen played the ball with his hand.

"It was a definite penalty," Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea manager, said, "although we should have had a free kick before that for a blatant push on David Lee." Perhaps fortune evened itself out, but that was little consolation for United's under-strength side. "We need a miracle now," Ferguson said.

The loss of Cantona and Kanchelskis, as well as Keane and the wingers, has undermined the firepower of potentially the most potent attack in the Premiership. Cole is still looking uncertain of his role, too often trapped offside as the early passes he thrives on fail to arrive. How he missed Cantona.

Alongside him, Hughes rejoices in the nickname Sparky, but these days his battery appears to be running down, and McClair, ever willing, is showing the demands of a hard season.

The young players tried to compensate, Neville and Butt having influential games, but the demands of carrying United to victory were too heavy for their young shoulders, and when Steve Bruce went forward for the final ten minutes, his effort was ruled out for offside.

By contrast, Chelsea were in comparatively good order for a team playing its fourth game in eight days. "Under the circumstances it was a magnificent performance," Hoddle said. "We knew they would have to throw people forward in the second half because they had to win. They knew they could lose the championship today, we couldn't be relegated, so they had a lot of possession. But for all that, we had the clearest chance."

United's best chances came early. Hughes might have scored after Cole and Bruce put him in after a corner, and when Hughes opened up the defence with a chip a golfer would have admired, Cole got in front of Hitchcock, but his volley looped over the bar as well as the goalkeeper.

A shot from Hughes almost escaped Hitchcock as it skidded through fast on the wet turf, and then in the 25th minute came United's best chance of the afternoon. Once again, Neville was involved, picking out Butt for a free header, but the ball hit Hitchcock's legs and the goalkeeper just recovered as Butt moved in.

At that stage, Chelsea had hardly got within sight of Schmeichel's goal, but when they did go forward some neat passing opened the way for Peacock, Schmeichel making an excellent save at his feet.

That gave United the warning that they needed to keep at least one eye open for events at the back, but they continued to have the better of things until the interval, and one sweeping move was in their best traditions as Hughes sent the ball out to Beckham, who released Neville on the overlap. The full back drove in his cross and Hughes, who had begun the move, came in for the final contribution, only to put his drive wide.

United regrouped at the interval, Davies coming on to play down the left, with McClair moving over to the right, but still United lacked the width and the pace that had been so potent a part of their attack, and Chelsea's defence increasingly looked happily in control. They were nearly breached 11 minutes into the second period as Davies hit over a long cross and Hughes hooked it back for Cole to leap in, but his header was just turned over the bar by Hitchcock. Almost immediately, Cole was involved again as he beat Hitchcock, but Johnsen cleared off the line.

That was as close as United were to come, at least until the penalty appeal for handball by Johnsen was turned down. "You're not champions any more," the Chelsea supporters chanted. Premature, perhaps, but surely not wrong.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmeichel — G Neville, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — D Beckham (sub: S Davies, 45min; sub: P Scholes, 74), N Butt, P Ince, B McClair — M Hughes, A Cole

CHELSEA (4-4-2): K Hitchcock — S Clarke, E Johnsen, F Sinclair, G Hall — D Rocastle (sub: C Burley, 60), N Spackman, D Lee, G Peacock — M Stein, P Furlong (sub. J Spencer, 67).

Referee: S Lodge.

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Sinclair, the Chelsea central defender, outjumps McClair at Old Trafford yesterday. The goalless draw hurt United, but improved Chelsea's chances of survival. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Southampton put case for survival

By Alyson Rudd

WHILE the outcome of the FA Carling Premiership title race was pulled sharply into focus by Chelsea's hard-fought draw at Old Trafford yesterday, the battle-lines at the foot of the table remain hazy.

Southampton would disagree. An impressive recent run of five wins out of six, including their 2-0 victory against Wimbledon yesterday, has seen Alan Ball's side rise to eleventh in the Premiership. With matches in hand over their nearest rivals, Southampton have suddenly, and without fuss, made their continued presence in the Premiership practically a certainty.

The timing could not have been better for the South Coast club. For Aston Villa, however, the timing appears to have gone awry. Just when Brian Little seemed to have solved Villa's problem — an inability to score goals — doubts have crept back at Villa Park and their 4-0 defeat at home against Arsenal made the Midlands club one of the favourites to be relegated.

Norwich did nothing to assuage the panic that has set in among their supporters, and their 1-0 defeat at White Hart Lane was deserved after Tottenham Hotspur dominated the play. By way of contrast, Crystal Palace were unlucky on Good Friday to gain only one point from their clash with Tottenham, and, finally, made one of their many games in hand count with a 1-0 win, courtesy of an Iain Dowie goal, at Queens Park Rangers.

The grappling in the Premiership is not all about escape routes. The prize of European football next season has kept a clutch of clubs on their toes, most notably Nottingham Forest, who shifted into third place over the weekend. Yesterday Forest won 2-0 at home against Coventry City. It was their seventh win in eight matches.

Forest's drive for a Uefa Cup place had stalled until Frank Clark, the manager, demanded improved commitment from Roy and Collymore. The two forwards responded immediately. Collymore scored his 23rd goal of the season yesterday, connecting with Roy's cross, after Woan had given Forest the early lead. Lee almost made it three but hit the upright in the final minutes.

Liverpool have already secured their place in Europe by virtue of their Coca-Cola Cup success. However, a visit by Leicester, whose morale has sunk to a new low now that they are definitely relegated, provided the Merseysiders with their nineteenth win of the season. They left it late, however, incurring the wrath and impatience of the home support before Rush and Fowler found the net to complete a 2-0 victory.

Liverpool's neighbours, Everton, travelled to Sheffield Wednesday in the hope of continuing an excellent recent run that brought not only an FA Cup final place and much needed Premiership points, but also praise for some inspiring football.

However, Everton were thankful for the point they took away from Hillsborough after a goalless draw. Southall was outstanding in the Everton goal as Wednesday fought hard to reduce the pressure on themselves and Trevor Francis, the manager, by gaining their first win in the Premiership since early February.

Everton's disappointment was compounded by an injury sustained by Duncan Ferguson. The powerful centre forward, having missed a clear chance when through on Pressman, returned from a four-match ban only to limp off after 30 minutes with a groin strain.

PREMIERSHIP RELEGATION SCRAMBLE

Position		Yesterday	Change	Games to play	Pts
10	Arsenal	W4-0		3	49
11	Southampton	W2-0	↑	5	48
12	Sheffield Wednesday	D0-0	↓	3	47
13	Chelsea	D0-0	↑	4	46
14	Coventry City	L2-0	↓ 2	4	46
15	Manchester City	*		5	44
16	Aston Villa	L4-0		4	43
17	Everton	D0-0		5	43
18	West Ham	D1-1	↑	5	42
19	Crystal Palace	W1-0	↑ 1	6	42
20	Norwich City	L1-0	↓ 2	3	42
21	Leicester	L2-0		3	24
22	Ipswich	D1-1		4	24

RELEGATION

*Does not include last night's match between Blackburn and Manchester City

Maguire hurt at Hereford

ADRIAN MAGUIRE broke an arm in a fall at Hereford yesterday, forfeiting his chance of taking the National Hunt jockeys' championship from Richard Dunwoody. Maguire was riding the David Nicholson-trained Desert Fighter, the 5-2 on favourite for the Ross-on-Wye Juvenile Novices' Hurdle, when the horse ran out at the last flight on the first circuit and unseated him.

Dave Roberts, Maguire's agent, said: "Adrian went to a local hospital for x-rays, which revealed a break. The severity of the injury is not fully known but clearly he will be out of action for some time."

Maguire's season-long struggle to wrest the title from Dunwoody has fascinated and entertained the sport. As Maguire's prospects evaporated, Dunwoody celebrated his own return from injury with a double at Chepstow, taking him level with Maguire on the 130-winner mark.

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Emphatic triumph helps to deflect attention from betting controversy

McManus allows Higgins no escape

By Phil Yates

ONLY a result of considerable significance could partially divert attention away from the allegations of betting irregularities that have rocked snooker, and Alan McManus achieved that by beating John Higgins 10-3 in the first round of the Embassy world championship in Sheffield yesterday.

Since October, when he captured the Dubai Classic title, McManus has been trapped in a depressingly ineffective spell of form, and many thought that Higgins, understandably buoyant after an outstanding season, would dispatch him with ease.

Higgins, 19, has in many eyes been the outstanding player of the 1994-95 campaign so far. He has won the Australian Open, the Skoda Grand Prix, the International Open and, nine days ago in Plymouth, the British Open. Even so, Higgins was making his debut at the Crucible, and few immediately cope with its demands.

McManus knew that his compatriot and close friend was not happy at the venue when Higgins's mother, Josephine, told him after the first session that her son found the Crucible claustrophobic.

On Sunday, McManus reproduced the solid, reliable form which, until the last few months, allowed him to be one of the most consistent performers on the circuit. He led 6-3 after a session in which Higgins was dealt one especially painful blow. In the seventh frame, Higgins, trailing 4-2, opened the scoring with a 57 break, but McManus, the sixth seed, responded with a 58 clearance to steal it on the black.

A forceful recovery was expected from Higgins yesterday, but it failed to materialise as McManus won four consecutive frames with breaks of 58, 48, 43 and 54 to eliminate the pre-tournment second favourite.

"Because I haven't had much success lately I came here feeling fresher than I have in previous years," McManus, a semi-finalist in 1992 and 1993, said. "I know just how good a player John can be, so I'm well aware of just what a good result this is." McManus will play either Nigel Bond or Stephen Lee in the last 16.

At 12.20am yesterday, in front of only a handful of hardy spectators, Terry Griffiths, at 47 the oldest competitor, reached that stage with a typically dogged 10-6 victory over Alain Robidoux that took seven hours and 42 minutes to complete.

By progressing, Griffiths retained his place in the top 16 for next season, a position he has held for 16 years. Griffiths, though, remains unhappy with his form, and does not entirely rule out the possibility of his retirement. A decision will be made after he has discussed the future with his wife, but if, as anticipated, he returns next season, he will play in spectacles.

Griffiths, one of snooker's most respected elder statesmen, expressed disbelief at the allegations of match-rigging that followed Jimmy White's 10-2 first-round win over Peter Francisco, of South Africa, on Sunday. "It's beyond my comprehension how any player could think about throwing a match," he said. "I just can't see how anyone could do something like that. They wouldn't be able to forgive themselves."

Barry Hearn, the promoter who manages White, echoed Griffiths's sentiments. "I would cut off my left leg if Jimmy were involved in anything like this," he said.

The scale of the money concerned in the alleged betting coup began to emerge yesterday, with Graham Sharpe, a spokesman for William Hill, revealing that his firm's liability was £10,000, and that of the industry between £50,000 and £60,000. Sharpe said: "The largest bet we took was £500 at odds of 5-2 but we turned away a £600 bet. We could have accumulated a much larger liability on the correct score if we had wanted to. Even allowing for the bandwagon effect, it was still a very unusual pattern of betting.

"Being official bookmakers to the sport and being represented at all the venues, including Sheffield, we would expect the bigger money to gravitate in our direction. Bookmakers are always being accused of moaning and groaning, but I think it's significant that the WPBSA [the game's governing body] made a very quick decision to hold an inquiry."

If the allegations are found to have any substance at the inquiry, scheduled to take place at the Grosvenor Hotel, Sheffield, tomorrow afternoon, it would represent the most serious offence committed in the history of professional snooker.

David Roe, from Derby, the world No 13, will provide the second-round opposition for White. Roe produced a strong performance to complete a 10-6 victory over Billy Snaddon that also ensures his place in the top 16 for next season.

RESULTS

FIRST ROUND: T Griffiths (Wales) bt A Robidoux (Can) 10-6; A McManus (Scot) bt J Higgins (Scot) 10-3; D Roe (Eng) bt W Snaddon (Scot) 10-6; D Morgan (Wales) leads A Davies (Wales) 7-2

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ERIC WHITEHEAD

Higgins can only watch as McManus moves closer to victory yesterday

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Curran enjoys a winning return

PAUL CURRAN, the double gold medal-winner in the 1986 Commonwealth Games at Edinburgh, made a victorious return to Scotland yesterday at the end of the Girvan three-day, 261-mile pro-am cycling road race (Peter Bryan writes).

The Thornaby Amateur became the first rider to win the race on three occasions in its 28-year history, having previously triumphed in 1984 and 1985. The foundation of Curran's overall success was laid on Saturday's opening stage which he won after an aggressive solo breakaway.

At the start of yesterday's 70-mile stage, Curran led the race by six seconds from the professional, John Tanner. Rain failed to slow the main pack's average speed of 25mph but Rob Holden went clear with Peter Longbottom on the descent of Screws Hill, seven miles from the finish. Holden outsprinted Longbottom to the line by three seconds.

Curran, safely in the main group, finished alongside Tanner to retain the race leader's yellow jersey. Tanner was second overall and his team-mate, Mark Walsham, third.

Harvey takes advantage

MOTOR SPORT: Tim Harvey, driving a Volvo 850, overcame treacherous conditions at Brands Hatch yesterday to complete victories in two heats and take the lead in the Auto Trader British Touring Car Championship. The Vauxhall of the former leader, John Cleland, spun out of both races, which were punctuated by incidents and red flags as cars crashed off the track.

Claymores lose again

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: The Scottish Claymores were defeated in the World League of American Football yesterday in their second successive close game (Richard Wetherell writes). Having lost 19-17 to Rhein Fire last week, they fell 10-7 to the Barcelona Dragons yesterday. In a game dominated by turnovers — there were nine in all — the winning points came from Scott Zeredy's 37-yard field goal.

Fahey closes on title

REAL TENNIS: Robert Fahey, the world champion and Hobart head professional, came within a set of retaining his crown on the second day of his world title defence in Hobart yesterday against the challenger, Wayne Davies (Sally Jones writes). Fahey, who led by three sets to one after the first day's play, extended his lead in the best-of-13 set match to 6-2 and needs only one more set to retain the championship.

Carmichael on mark

SHOOTING: John Carmichael, the Worcestershire marksman who was adjutant of the British Palma Team that won the world long-range rifle championship in New Zealand in January, took the overall championship of the Bisley Easter meeting by three points. David Calvert, the Commonwealth Games gold medal-winner, who was third in the world individual championship, was the runner-up.

Ndeti makes it three

ATHLETICS: Cosmas Ndeti, of Kenya, won his third Boston Marathon in a row yesterday. Moses Tanui, also of Kenya, was second and Luiz Antonio Dos Santos, of Brazil, third. Ndeti, 25, joins Bill Rodgers, who won from 1978-80, and Clarence DeMar, who took seven Boston titles including a sweep from 1922-24, in an elite group of triple winners. Uta Pippig, of Germany, won the women's race.

Boone starts favourite

RACKETS: Willie Boone, the former world champion, and Tim Cockroft are favourites for the Lacoste British Open doubles championships, which start today at Queen's Club. Boone, who is enjoying one of his best seasons is keen to add the doubles title to the British Open singles which he won earlier in the season. He should be well backed up by the rapidly improving Cockroft.

Skelton scales new heights to secure World Cup

From Jenny MacArthur
in Gothenburg

NICK SKELTON, of Britain, gained his first leading individual title yesterday when he and Everest Dollar Girl won the Volvo show jumping World Cup here. Warwickshire-born Skelton, 37, is only the second Briton to succeed in the 17-year history of the finals.

Victory came after a dramatic final round in which Michael Whitaker, the overnight leader, dropped to fifth and Germany's world champion, Franke Sloothaak, fell from third to eleventh place. Sloothaak's compatriot, Lars Nieberg, who first competed internationally only five years ago, finished runner-up, ahead of Lesley McNaught-Mandli, of Switzerland.

Skelton's first thoughts after winning were for the 15-year-old Dollar Girl, owned by Joe Haller, a Swiss businessman. "She's had some criticism in the past but I knew all along she could do it," he said after receiving his £55,000 first prize and a car worth £17,000.

It was richly deserved. Although Skelton has represented Britain in every championship team since 1985, won three team gold medals, finished runner-up in the 1985 World Cup and won, on Dollar Girl, the coveted Calgary Grand Prix, an individual title has eluded him. At the halfway stage of yesterday, he seemed, again, destined for second place.

Going in reverse order of merit, Nieberg, in fifth, put the pressure on the leaders with a superb clear round on his stallion, For Pleasure, which had taken him into the lead. Sloothaak, third on Weihaiwej, had four faults at the second of a complex line of four fences.

Skelton was faultless until fence 12a, a triple bar, where she just clipped the back pole. "It was my fault," Skelton said. "I overrode."

Despite the mistake he retained second place, three points behind Nieberg, after a disastrous round from Whitaker. Always concerned that the excitable Everest Two Step might spook, Whitaker's fears were realised when the German-bred gelding took exception to the blue and white poles at fence 7a and crashed through them. "I think he thought they were water," Whitaker said.

In a feat of horsemanship, he steered his horse safely through the double that followed but, now unnerved, he made two further mistakes to finish on 12 faults.

Twenty horses went through to the second round, in which Nieberg, now in the lead, had to go last. Sloothaak dropped out of contention when Weihaiwej refused at the first and finished on 13.25 faults. Skelton, last but one to go, put the pressure on with a fine clear round. But Nieberg, competing in only his second final, had the World Cup in his grasp if he could produce another clear round.

However, approaching the penultimate fence, Nieberg realised he was on a wrong stride and pulled back hard. For Pleasure made a supreme effort but just hit the top pole.

☐ Volvo World Cup final organisers have told the International Equestrian Federation they will not organise further finals until problems of television coverage are resolved.

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

Dealer South Love-all Rubber bridge

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♦A4
♣KQ5

S	W	N	E
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣ (1)	Pass
4♦ (1)	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Contract: Six spades by South. Lead: King of diamonds

(1) Cue-bids. How would you set about the good six spades contract after the the king of diamonds lead? One line is simply to take the spade finesse — no good here. Perhaps you should try the ace of spades and then try to get your diamond away on the hearts, hoping that any ruff comes from the now singleton king of spades? That also fails.

When Ron von der Porten held this hand at TGR's he found the best line: win the diamond and play on hearts immediately. If East is short (as here) he is in trouble — he ruffs the queen of hearts low, but the declarer overruffs, goes to dummy with the ace of spades (notice the importance of keeping it as an entry), ruffs a heart and enters dummy with the ace of clubs to discard his losing diamond on the last heart. All the defence make is the king of spades. If the worst comes to the worst, and West ruffs the third heart, declarer can still take the spade finesse.

When Ron was in his twenties, he played for the United States in the 1962 Bermuda Bowl, with the abrasive Lew Mathe as his partner. Mathe was a great player, then in his late forties, and Ron was very much the protégé. Mathe's encouraging instructions to Ron on opening leads was: "There's only one player in this partnership who can lead trump, and it ain't you kid."

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge every day in the sports pages of *The Times*.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

STOTINKA
a. A Gypsy dance
b. Hungarian currency
c. An Alpine pine

THUGYI
a. A Burmese headman
b. A sect of assassins
c. Finger language

TRITICALE
a. A reverse crescendo
b. Strong beer
c. Cereal grass

VORLAUFER
a. A vulture
b. A fugleman skier
c. Apple and raisin dumpling

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Kasparov rampant

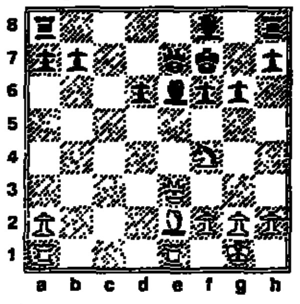
Garry Kasparov, PCA world champion, has returned to competitive play this year with a devastating sequence of miniature victories in the Mikhail Tall memorial tournament in Riga. Kasparov annihilated the Dutch grandmaster Jan Timman and his forthcoming challenger for the PCA world title, the Indian grandmaster Viswanathan Anand. Of particular note was Kasparov's revival of that 19th century favourite, the Evans Gambit.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Viswanathan Anand
Riga, April 1995

Evans Gambit

	White	Black
1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bc4	Bc5
4	b4	Bxb4
5	c3	Be7
6	d4	Na5
7	Be2	exd4
8	Qxd4	Nf6
9	e5	Nc6
10	Qh4	Nd5
11	Qg3	g6
12	0-0	Nb6
13	c4	d6
14	Rd1	Nd7
15	Bh6	Ncxe5
16	Nxe5	Nxe5
17	Nc3	f6
18	c5	Nf7
19	cxd6	cxd6
20	Qe3	Nxh6
21	Qxh6	Bf8
22	Qe3+	Kf7
23	Nd5	Be6
24	Nf4	Qe7
25	Re1	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Although in the final position Anand is still two pawns ahead, Black's position is defenceless. For example, 25 ... Qd7, 26 Bb5 Qxb5, 27 Qxe6+ Kg7, 28 Nd5 Qb2, 29 Rab1 and Black's position caves in.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Jan Timman
Riga, April 1995

Slav Defence

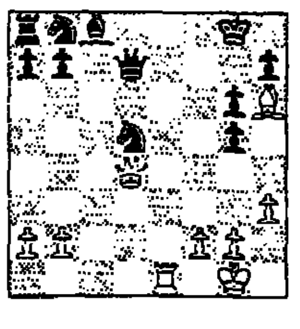
	White	Black
1	d4	d5
2	c4	c6
3	Nf3	Nf6
4	Nc3	dxc4
5	a4	Bf5
6	Ne5	Nbd7
7	Nxc4	Nb6
8	Ne5	Nbd7
9	Qb3	Nxe5
10	dxe5	Ng4
11	Qxb7	Nxe5
12	f4	Ng6
13	e4	Bd7
14	f5	Ne5
15	Bf4	f6
16	Bxe5	fxe5
17	Rd1	Rb8
18	Qxa7	Rb4
19	Be2	g6
20	Rf1	Bg7
21	fxg6	Rd4
22	Bh5	Black resigns

☐ *Raymond Keene writes on chess every day in the sports pages of The Times.*

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Pogorelov - Janoha, Prague 1988 White has sacrificed two pieces for a very strong attack. How did he now demonstrate that his concept was sound with a fine finish?



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Faldo fourth on Tway's day

By Our Sports Staff

NICK FALDO's final-round score of 68 earned him joint fourth place in the Heritage Classic at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, late on Sunday. It was the fourth time that he had finished in the top five since winning at Doral six weeks ago.

Later, as Faldo prepared to return home to England for a three-week holiday after spending more than three months practising and competing in the United States, Bob Tway was celebrating a tournament victory and $234,000 (£155,000) first prize after the second hole of a three-way play-off.

Tway enjoyed the luxury of being able to take two putts from two feet after bogeys by Nolan Henke, a fellow American, on the second extra hole and David Frost, of South Africa, on the first. It was the seventh victory of his career and his first on the circuit since 1990.

"It was the strangest feeling I've ever had," Tway said. "A two-footer — you just want to hit it in. But, I thought, don't hit it too hard or you might have a two-footer coming back. So there I was, lagging from two feet."

The 1986 US PGA champion had holed a 60-foot birdie chip shot on the par-three 17th hole to reach the play-off and he hit his tee shot to within two feet of the pin when he and Henke returned for the second play-off hole. He had recorded a final round of 67, four-under-par, for a nine-under total, as had Henke. A successful four-foot, birdie putt for Frost at the 18th had given him a final round of 70 and a place in the play-off. His failure at the first extra hole left him as runner-up in this competition for the third time.

"This is better than winning the PGA," Tway said afterwards. "You are down so low and you think you are never going to win again.

"You feel like you are in such a hole. But I guess you never give up hope."

Faldo finished level with Mark McCumber, the joint leader overnight, who had a final round of 71, and Woody Austin, who finished with a 64 — the lowest round of the day.

☐ Ray Floyd took his Senior Tour earnings this year to £300,000 when he won the PGA Seniors Championship in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, on Sunday. He won his tenth Senior event with a two-under-par 70 for a 277 total, five shots ahead of Lee Trevino, Larry Gilbert and John Paul Cain.

Walton takes Catalonia title

PHILIP WALTON, of Ireland, won the Catalonia golf Open at Girona yesterday with a four-round aggregate of 281, seven under par. The Irishman, whose only previous Tour victory was in the 1990 French Open, won £50,000.

After the rain-affected third round had been concluded yesterday, Walton went back out on the course to card a 68 in the final round to finish three strokes ahead of the Scot, Andrew Coltart, and a further shot in front of England's Howard Clark.

Clark's level-par 72 moved into the lead at the end of the third round with Walton moving into second place, a shot behind, after his 71 on the 6,839-yard Peralada course.

Clark, a former Ryder Cup player, who has not won a tournament in seven years, found the going difficult yesterday, although conditions had calmed somewhat from the 50mph gales that had ruined play on Sunday. Only 35 of the 71 players completed their third rounds then.

"It was incredibly difficult out there. Every shot has been a battle," Clark said after bogies at the par-four 5th, and par-3 12th holes on his third round. "Everybody was having trouble."

Coltart's showing owed much to his third round of 68, four under par, which put on on 214, level with the Welshman, Phillip Price, who lost his second-round lead with a four-over-par 76.

Stuart Cage, of England, who hit a level-par 72 to land one stroke behind the third-round leaders on 215, said he enjoyed the wind. "I play in Leeds and it is this windy often," Cage said. "When the game is just tee to green and putt, it is boring." Perhaps the calmer conditions of the final round upset him, for he took a 77 to slip out of contention.

Joakim Haeggman, who shot a course-record 66 on Sunday, moved to four strokes off the pace in the third round, but the Swede also faded badly, finishing with a 78.

Later, Walton paid tribute to his coach Bob Torrance — father of the Ryder Cup player, Sam — who spent 18 hours with him last week advising him to widen his swing. "I owe Bob a lot," he said. "I've felt a different player this week."

DETAILS

GIRONA, Spain: Catalan open: Leading final scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 281: P Walton 68, 74, 71, 68. 284: A Coltart 72, 74, 68, 70. 285: H Clark 70, 70, 72, 73. 288: M Davis 71, 72, 74, 71. 289: P Affleck 73, 73, 73, 70; R Goosen (SA) 67, 75, 75, 72. 290: S Torrance 73, 72, 73, 72. 291: M Campbell (NZ) 70, 75, 76, 70; P Fulke (Swe) 74, 76, 70, 71; D Robertson 73, 74, 71, 73. 292: D Williams 73, 76, 71, 72; S Cage 69, 74, 72, 77. 293: R McFarlane 74, 76, 71, 72; R Claydon 70, 73, 77, 73; F Tarnaud (Fr) 69, 74, 77, 73; S Grappasonni (It) 76, 72, 72, 73; R Wessels (SA) 72, 78, 70, 73; W Riley (Aus) 74, 69, 75, 75; R Rafferty 78, 71, 69, 75. 294: F Nobilo (NZ) 73, 71, 79, 71; V Fernandez (Arg) 78, 72, 72, 72; P Eales 69, 73, 79, 73; M Lanner (Swe) 74, 73, 74, 73; J Haeggman (Swe) 73, 77, 66, 78.

Withdrawal proves costly for Agassi

By Our Sports Staff

ANDRE AGASSI, the world No 1, was fined $5,000 by the ATP Tour yesterday after his late withdrawal from the Hong Kong Open tennis tournament because of a back injury. The American's absence leaves the defending champion, Michael Chang, as the top seed, who begins his defence with a first round encounter with Jacob Hlasek, of Switzerland, today.

Thomas Enqvist, of Sweden, the highest-ranked seed in action on the first day yesterday, strolled into the second round with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Luis Herrera, of Mexico.

The fourth-seeded Enqvist, whose tournament victories in Auckland and Philadelphia this year have seen him rise to 20 in the world rankings, proved far too powerful for the Mexican qualifier.

Other seeds to progress were Jan Siemerink, of Holland, who defeated Wally Masur, of Australia, 6-4, 6-4, and the Czech Republic's Martin Damm, who beat Alexander Mronz, of Germany.

☐ Helena Sukova steered the Czech Republic to a 3-0 win over Poland while debutant Martina Hingis kept Switzerland's hopes alive against Latvia in the Fed Cup qualifying tournament yesterday.

Slovenia gave Britain a claycourt lesson in the other group A match, with Barbara Mulej beating Julie Pullin 6-1, 6-3 and Tina Krizan beating Clare Wood 4-6, 6-1, 6-1. Wood partnered Jo Durie to win the doubles rubber 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.

In group B, Russia had a difficult tie against Latvia, before winning 2-1. Hungary were awarded the tie against Georgia, who failed to field three players.

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Christopher Irvine listens to discontented supporters at Wheldon Road

Super League hatred rife on the terraces

SADDAM HUSSEIN asks, "Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who is the most hated man of all?" He immediately turns round to his ruling council and demands: "Who is this Maurice Lindsay?"

Humour "down t'Lane" was strictly gallows, the invective on the terraces mostly directed at the chief executive of the Rugby Football League. Lindsay is in Australia fine-tuning the dreaded Super League. "Has little man joined t'convicts?" a great mirthful figure in the yellow and black of Castleford inquired, and all around guffawed.

But if ever a Rugby League match underlined how important a Super League now is, it was the depressing rout at Wheldon Road yesterday. In response to the three-way merger proposed for them, Castleford submerged one of their prospective partners, Wakefield Trinity, 86-0. As a forlorn Trinity follower said: "After that, you can't really blame Cas wanting to go it alone."

Unless a rumoured reference by the Parliamentary Rugby League Group to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) succeeds in overturning amalgamations of 13 clubs as part of the Super League package, the record books will document the last Castleford-Wakefield derby as the worst defeat in Trinity's 100-year existence and the biggest margin of victory in Castleford's history. Not that the cheers fully supplanted the jeers and tears, if this, indeed, was Castleford's last home match as Castleford.

To a baying, angry crowd of only 4,443, many having voted with their feet, Eddie Ashton, the Castleford chairman, stuck his head round the lion's den and was quick to announce over the Tannoy before the match the merger reference by MPs, no matter that he had only heard it second-hand from a barman listening to the radio.

Needs must in situations like this and, although he was unable to shed any further light, Ashton pronounced all mergers were now on hold. It was a ringing declaration, but few in "Cas's Reservation" shared his confidence. Guns, Ashton said, had been put to club chairmen's heads and the entire process had been disgusting, to which someone shouted: "Why vote for it, then? You're stalling, Ashton."

ANDREW VARLEY

Before a depleted crowd, Billy Conway, the Castleford captain, leads his players out for what may well have been the club's last home game in its present form

At the interval, by which time Castleford were just getting into their stride at 30-0, there was a peaceful demonstration on the pitch by both sets of supporters. Two hundred men, women, children and babies, lifted over the hoardings, made the point about birthright known, while Lindsay came in for more of the verbal stick wielded throughout the match.

For all the RFL want the Hills of the North to rejoice, the advent voice went something different: The £77 million for the Super League was blood money, and the combining of clubs a sell-out of history. In the metropolitan district of Wakefield, the proposals have achieved something no government has in recent times, by opening up a minefield.

The common ground Castleford, Wakefield and Featherstone Rovers, the third party, share is mutual loathing but rivalry is their lifeblood and now it is suggested the combustive trio be unified as a single force. "Ay," said one protester, "and there'll be peace in Yugoslavia tomorrow."

In these parts, it is a marriage made in hell, support for it as thin on the ground as Tory voters. Calver is the name of a river straddled by the M62 twixt Dewsbury and Huddersfield, so the name given the troika could easily be applied to any number of clubs.

Outside the ground, foot-high lettering declares: "No merger. Long live the Tigers." Slogan-makers have worked overtime on posters and stickers, while the souvenir shop reported brisk trade. "God forbid the name does go," one of the women workers said, "but people are buying up what could be reminders."

Affection can, however, be misplaced. Toilet facilities at Wheldon Road would definitely not be mourned and the ground remains shabby, if endearingly so. Trinity's ground is much the same, and as supporters mingled in The Early Bath pub, they were agreed on the point that money in Rugby League is urgently required.

Patricia Henry was born in Wheldon Road, where most of the terraced houses have gone — a fate now awaiting the Rugby League grounds? "The roar of the crowd would nearly take the corrugated roof off," she recalled. "I can remember them all streaming past and the unconfined joy when Cas won. They are nice memories, but memories fade, new generations grow up, and time marches on. Rather than the end, maybe it is a new beginning. Maybe."

Warrington unable to cope with in-form Botica

FRANO BOTICA, the New Zealand stand-off, claimed 14 points as the newly crowned champions, Wigan, registered their seventh consecutive league victory over Warrington at Wilderspool, defeating them 34-0.

In atrocious conditions, Botica grabbed two first-half tries and landed three goals as the visitors built up an 18-0 lead at the interval.

He opened the scoring in the tenth when he went over in the corner and then produced a dazzling 80-yard solo try. Kris Radlinski, the wing, added Wigan's third try of the half.

Va'aiga Tuigamala was put in by Murdock for a simple try early in the second half. Radlinski scored his second and Connolly crossed four minutes from time.

Workington ended their home programme with a 34-12 victory over a disappointing Oldham. The Cumbrians led 16-0 at half-time and, although Oldham threatened a fightback when they pulled the score back to 18-12 midway through the second half, Town finished strongest.

Bradford Northern consolidated their position in the top eight, courtesy of a second-half penalty try in their 16-14 win over Salford. Salford led 14-10 at the break, but Northern scored the only try of the second half when Karl Fairbank was obstructed. Deryck Fox landed the conversion.

Salford held the interval lead thanks to an injury-time try from their centre, Martin, who had opened the scoring in the 12th minute. Bradford hit back with tries from Hall and full back, Paul, plus a Fox conversion.

Widnes crashed to their heaviest defeat of the season, going down 54-22 against a rampant St Helens at Knowsley Road.

They trailed 20-6 at the break after conceding five first half tries, the first of which was scored by winger Mark Elia in the 10th minute. Hunte, the wing, got three touchdowns, as did the Widnes hooker, McCurrie.

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Success of Mighty Mary's female crew adds another dimension to America's Cup

Bastion under threat from Egnot's warriors

David Miller observes the emancipation of women in yachting's premier event

If Dennis Conner, implacable strategist of one of three contenders to defend the America's Cup, is yachting's Napoleon, Leslie Egnot, the slim, shy helmswoman of *Mighty Mary*, is Saint Joan. Egnot and her crew have dismantled the conventional face of sailing. How long now before there is open sailing, as with equestrianism at the Olympic Games?

Mighty Mary's platoon of young athletes, glowing with fitness, confidence and radiant smiles, are not so much an advertisement for women's sailing as for women. Whether or not they succeed in this particular event — they were facing Conner again yesterday afternoon — another male myth has been exposed. Queen Victoria, who gave the Cup 144 years ago, would be proud of them.

They have added an important new dimension to this troubled, extravagant event. The American public would dearly like them to win the defenders' trials because Conner, in his seventh campaign, is perceived, however inaccurately, as being still afloat only by rule manipulation.

For Egnot, a 37-year-old silver medal-winner from Barcelona in the 470 class, it has been like stepping out of a Morris Minor onto the Formula I circuit. Yet here she is, at the reins of a surging beast of massive horsepower, more or less holding her own against the best match-racing men in the world.

The pre-start manoeuvres against *Young America* last week were the scariest I have seen, two 75-foot craft lunging and twisting for tactical supremacy only yards apart. "It was a big jump to the big boats, with a crew of 16," Egnot says almost reticently.

Her physical appearance is illusory. The schoolgirl voice may be tremulous, the frame slender, yet she self-evidently has the constitution of a ball-bearing. "I do better under pressure," she says defiantly. "The more intense it is, the better. When it was do or die against *Stars & Stripes* [the last semi-final race, which they easily won, unaware that Conner had already been re-admitted to a three-boat 'final'] we pulled together."

Bill Koch, the eccentric Kansas multi-millionaire who made his fortune by sueing his mother for the family's oil wealth, won the cup in 1992 with a $1 million budget. He opted this time for a women's crew to present, it is thought, a kinder Koch face. "They have sailed with great credit and raised the standard of the game," John Marshall, head of *Young America*'s Pact '95 syndicate, says of them.

Jennifer Isler, the tactician, was replaced by David Dellenbaugh, who is easily enough identified on board by his red beard. "He was more experienced, and he just happened to be a man," Dawn Riley, the muscular "pit" sail handler, says dismissively. Riley was dropped from the all-male defending 1992 crew. Koch subsequently apologised to her.

Egnot rejects the widespread suggestion that Koch will introduce more men to bolster *Mighty Mary*'s chances. "I can't see it happening. We don't need other men," she says. "Dave's position is pivotal, but not any other position. We've shown that strength is not an issue. Men are naturally heavier, but when we've failed, it's not been the strength factor, it's lack of experience on these boats.

"We're America's Cup novices except for Dawn, and sure there are going to be things that don't work sometimes. We're still learning, but we've come a long way."

They are not, Egnot insists, intent on proving themselves as women, simply as sailors. If they can do something to help the cause of women, coincidentally, that will be a bonus. She knows how hard it can be.

"Sailing has traditionally been something for men," she reflects. "I can remember some yacht clubs in New Zealand, when I was a girl, that had no women's changing rooms, and my dad had to stand outside the men's room when they'd finished so that I could get a hot shower."

She was born in Christchurch, grew up sailing P Class dinghies, then 470s, enthusiastically supported by her parents. She qualifies residentially for *Mighty Mary*, sarcastically named by Koch after his mother.

Although the women largely claim to be oblivious of it, an unmistakeable sexual frisson exists between *Mary* and the other two American rival boats. When last week's race against Conner was abandoned in light winds with Conner leading, he lamented: "God must be a woman."

"Maybe some of the men do feel a bit threatened," Egnot speculates. "But we have a camaraderie with many of them." It is regularly discernible at the joint post-race press conferences that it is the representatives of the men's crews who tend to be trying to achieve psychological one-upmanship with some of their answers. The women sit there and smile back benignly.

"God certainly wasn't a woman when we were unjustly penalised by the umpire during the start manoeuvres against *Young America* last week," Egnot says. "But you have to accept these things. The America's Cup is character-building. We've got enough character now — what we need is more experience. Our hopes are still high. We know we're up against tough sailors. The best crew will win, and we've still room for some refinement."

Courtenay Becker, their navigator, admits to the permanent imponderable: determining between boat technology performance and crew performance. "We're looking at it hard," she says. "We honestly don't know [which needs the more tuning]."

The crew of *Mighty Mary*, with Egnot at the helm, takes a break during the trials off San Diego yesterday

Chill wind of history disturbs Coutts

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL
IN SAN DIEGO

BUOYED by their first victory against Russell Coutts and his *Team New Zealand* crew in the finals of the Louis Vuitton America's Cup challenger finals, John Bertrand, the *oneAustralia* skipper, went out to battle yesterday convinced that his revamped yacht can now beat the unbeatable.

Before the dramatic turnaround on Friday when *oneAustralia* won by 15 seconds, *Team New Zealand* had won all 35 races in these long drawn-out trials off San Diego and stood 3-0 in the best-of-nine finals to decide which yacht is to qualify for the challenge for the America's Cup next month. Was it a hiccup or hiatus?

Eight years ago, the New Zealanders, then led by Chris Dickson, looked just as unstoppable, gaining a 39-1 record before losing the next five to Dennis Conner's *Stars & Stripes* in the finals.

Three years ago the wheels fell off again when New Zealand's tandem-keeled challenger, then skippered by Rod Davis, strode through the preliminary rounds and went 4-1 up in the finals before collapsing under a late Italian challenge.

"I'm surprised it has taken us this long to lose a race," Brad Butterworth, the *Team New Zealand* tactician, said. "I expected us to lose a few in the fourth round-robin series when our boat was not set up as we wanted it. We never expected to get through these finals without dropping a race or two. The Australians are tough competition and they are sailing very, very well."

Coutts blamed the upset on not having Peter Blake, the Whitbread race winner, or rather his lucky red socks, on board. Blake, who leads the New Zealand syndicate and operates the mainsheet traveller, had strained his back and stayed ashore for the first time in this series.

Was his presence missed? "No, but his socks were," Coutts said. "If he is not with us again, then Pippa, his wife, is going to roll them up and put them onboard for us. We have never lost a race with them!"

Teddington strive for bronze to no avail

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN
IN CAGLIARI

THE sixth European Cup Winners' Cup hockey tournament ended here yesterday with Harvestehuder, of Germany, defeating HDM, of Holland, in the final and Real Club de Polo, Barcelona, taking the bronze medal after a hard-earned 3-2 victory over Teddington.

As winners of the bronze last year, Teddington were disappointed at having to return home empty-handed, but despite their spirited fightback, they did not deserve victory. The match was less than two minutes old when the Spanish team snatched the lead. Pablo Garcia caught up with an overhead pass from Russell Garcia and, coming in sharply on the left, scored from a difficult angle.

For the next 20 minutes Polo Club overran Teddington's defence and only Meredith in goal kept them in the game by saving a barrage of shots.

Teddington took 24 minutes to force their first short corner, having already conceded three and Paul Way converted. Billson revived Teddington's spirits three minutes into the second half with a goal on the follow-up from a short corner. But the Spaniards came back strongly with Massana equalising and Thomas Ferran converting a penalty stroke three minutes from time.

In the final, Harveste Huder were without their international, Stefan Saliger, who was suspended after being sent off in the previous game. Despite his absence, the Germans created more chances and were unlucky not to have won in normal time.

Grange, of Scotland, raised their game to defeat the Polish club, Pocztowiec, 3-1 earlier in the da, preventing relegation to the B division next year. The Scots fought back after going one down in the fourteenth minute. In the 27th minute they equalised with a goal by McLeod, before McFarlane put them 2-1 ahead. McLeod was on hand again in the 64th minute to add the final goal.

Slough fall short in penalty shoot-out

BY ALIX RAMSAY

SLOUGH came so close, but could not quite exact the revenge that they sought over Russelsheim in the European Cup Winners' Cup women's hockey final, in Groningen, Holland, yesterday.

Facing the team that had beaten them in the European indoor championship final two months ago, Slough were within striking distance of taking the title in normal time, before eventually losing out in the lottery of a penalty shoot-out.

The sides could not be separated, at 1-1 at the end of normal time, but then penalty misses by Sally Eyre and Sam Wright denied Slough the gold medal in the shoot-out. It was all a terrible disappointment as the English league champions had matched the indoor European champions stroke for stroke during open play.

Slough were well aware of the Germans' strength from penalty corners and, indeed, the German international, Tanja Dickenscheid, had given Russelsheim the lead just before half-time from the set-piece. But Slough forced themselves right back into contention with a quick reply from Mandy Nicholls.

The English representatives were by far the better side in the second half, winning five penalty corners but unfortunately unable to make any of them count. At the other end, their goalkeeper, Sue Knight, managed to keep the Germans out, saving a goalbound shot from Klekker.

With Karen Brown always in control and the forward line of Nicholls, Wright and Anna Bennett running the Germans ragged, it looked as though finally, Slough were going to get their revenge. But their former dominance had ebbed away by the penalty shoot-out and, as Wright and Eyre missed the target, even the experienced Brown needed the help of the Russelsheim goalkeeper to deflect her shot into the back of the net.

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Leaders let nerves show as tempers start to fray

Middlesbrough 1
Sheffield United 1

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

AN AFTERNOON that began with Mexican waves and a first goal for Jan Aage Fjortoft ended in considerable frustration for Middlesbrough. By the time that Uwe Fuchs was shown the red card for a late, high lunge on Kevin Gage, the initial party mood had long since been displaced by nervous tension and nasty tackles at Ayresome Park. It seemed apt that early shafts of sunlight had given way to grey skies and steady rain.

In spite of this disappointing draw, Middlesbrough remain top of the first division of the Endsleigh Insurance League, but Bryan Robson's team is only two points clear of Bolton Wanderers, who have a precious game in hand. Tranmere Rovers, a further point behind, have also played a game fewer than the leaders.

Fjortoft: opening goal

Afterwards Robson, again sidelined by a calf strain, appeared stressed, delivering perhaps the briefest and most terse press conference of his Ayresome Park tenure to date.

"I haven't got a lot to say after that," he said. "The referee's interpretation was not my interpretation. He did his level best to ensure we did not win the match." And that, all 30 seconds of it, was that.

The words were a response to questions about Fuchs's dismissal and their sour tone did Robson no credit. He was defending the indefensible as the German's challenge was at groin level.

"Gage is lucky he has not got a broken leg," Dave Bassett, the Sheffield United manager, said afterwards. He conceded that his team has now effectively forfeited all hope of achieving a play-off place, but said: "Fuchs's tackle showed blatant disregard for a fellow professional."

If the centre forward let himself down so, goal apart, did Fjortoft. Diving theatrically at the slightest provocation, the Norwegian international repeatedly made the flimsiest of penalty appeals.

"There have been some excellent foreign imports to this country," Bassett said, "but Fjortoft and Fuchs were a disgrace. Fjortoft was falling over all over the place."

Thankfully the referee was having none of it. "Excellent officiating," Bassett beamed. Considering that Mr Burns had turned a blind eye to Veart's foul on Pollock, which might have been another candidate for the red card, the Sheffield manager had every right to be satisfied.

Such cynicism had yet to take a hold when Fjortoft first spread his arms and performed a passable impression of an aeroplane. It came as a spontaneous reaction to his first goal for the club, after his £1.3 million transfer from Swindon Town on transfer-deadline day.

The Middlesbrough goal came in the seventh minute. Fjortoft held off Tuttle before releasing a slightly under-hit shot which had hearts in mouths as it trickled sedately across the line and in to the bottom corner.

Eleven minutes later, the ball again nestled in the bottom corner, but at the opposite end of the field. Suffering an all-too-common lapse of concentration, the Middlesbrough back line misjudged the setting of its offside trap when Veart's through-ball found Blake. Running on unimpeded, Blake, who seems to have lost a bit of weight of late, kept his shot low in a manner that Klinsmann would have applauded.

After that, Sheffield's defensive pairing of Foran and Tuttle successfully contained Fuchs and Fjortoft. Frustration set in and the ugly denouement ensued.

If, and it is a big if, Middlesbrough subdue their nerves sufficiently to earn automatic promotion, Robson will surely need to rebuild this team radically if it is to have any hope of FA Carling Premiership survival. Forget the goal: Fjortoft's inferior first touch made a nonsense of his former reputation as a rampant centre forward while the present Middlesbrough defence would be no match for a neat front line.

Robson's brightest short-term hope remains Pollock, probably the one Middlesbrough player who could walk in to most Premiership teams. Sadly, for all his midfield industry, Pollock cannot propel the Teessiders to promotion on his own.

MIDDLESBROUGH (4-4-2): A Miller — N Cox, N Pearson, S Vickers, D Whyte — C Blackmore, J Pollock, G Kavanagh, A Moore (sub: J Hendrie, 83min) — U Fuchs, J Fjortoft.
SHEFFIELD UNITED (4-4-2): A Kelly — K Gage, M Foran, D Tuttle, R Nilsen — G Hodges, P Rogers, C Veart, D Whitehouse (sub: A Scott, 77) — J Flo, N Blake.
Referee: W Burns.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Claridge, left, the Birmingham City forward, is challenged by Corazzin during Cambridge's determined victory at the Abbey Stadium yesterday

Heathcote catches Birmingham napping

Cambridge United 1
Birmingham City 0

BY ALYSON RUDD

THE 11.30 kick-off was a master-stroke from Cambridge United's point of view. Birmingham City played as if they thought a.m. stood for amble moronically at the Abbey Stadium yesterday. Pity the thousands who are expected to pack Wembley on Sunday for the Auto Windscreens Shield final if Birmingham perform anything like this.

Of course, the final on Sunday against Carlisle United takes second place in Birmingham's list of priorities this season. The automatic promotion place from the Endsleigh Insurance League second division has been their target all along and Barry Fry's team has been the favourite to take it since the moment it was relegated last season.

But despite the fact the championship looms large and Wembley places were at stake, Birmingham were lethargic yesterday. "We were very disappointing. We just didn't play, didn't compete . . . we wanted to pose," Fry said. In Fry's opinion, the performance constituted Birmingham's worst of the season.

Cambridge's timing was more impressive. They are perilously close to being relegated and, although meeting the divisional favourites at this stage of the season must have semed daunting, they displayed only slight nervousness and a generous helping of determination.

Tommy Taylor, the Cambridge caretaker manager, said his players were ready to play by 9.45am. This was Taylor's third match in charge since Gary Johnson was dismissed and he is proud of their commitment.

"I fancy us to beat anybody the way the boys are flying about," he said. The home side was at its most dangerous with Joseph on the ball. The versatile London-born player, formerly on Arsenal's books, was unlucky not to score in the twelfth minute after he tore through the centre of Birmingham's defence but his low shot was just wide.

However, Joseph secured the man-of-the-match award when he whipped in a cross from the right, giving Heathcote plenty of time to place his header beyond Bennett in the Birmingham goal with 19 minutes left.

It was the cue for the well-supported Midlands side to stir, but Cambridge defended with passion. Perhaps Birmingham have relied too much on Francis, their 6ft 7in forward, who was out through injury yesterday. Otto's high crosses from the left were too lofty for the Birmingham forwards who lined up against Cambridge.

Fry said he felt sorry for the supporters; real pity will be required if Birmigham, at this late stage, let promotion slip away.

CAMBRIDGE UNITED (4-4-2): J Sheffield — A Jeffrey, J Craddock (sub: M Danzey, 46min), D Thompson, D Barrick — H Hayrettin, M Joseph, J Campbell — M Kyd (sub: J Hunter, 80), M Heathcote, C Corazzin.
BIRMINGHAM CITY (4-4-2): I Bennett — S Hiley, D Barnett, L Daish, G Cooper — J Dominguez (sub: L Donowa, 31) G Poole, M Ward, R Otto — P Williams (sub: J Hunt, 85), S Claridge.
Referee: M Pierce.

Derby go for high five as Tranmere crack

BY ALYSON RUDD

THE Easter holiday programme left the shape of the top of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division resembling a half-melted chocolate egg. Tranmere Rovers suddenly found the going too hot for comfort and yesterday saw a sound promotion campaign crack apart at the Baseball Ground, where there crashed 5-0 to Derby County.

The Merseyside club gave a feeble performance and the scoreline could, if anything, have been more emphatic, Simpson having hit the upright with eight minutes remaining. In the event, two goals from Mark Pembridge and one each from Gabbiadini, Williams and Mills gave Derby's bid for a play-off place renewed vigour, although Roy McFarland's side's fate still rests on the form of the clubs above it in the table.

Wolverhampton Wanderers were not in the mood to slip up, however, winning 2-1 at home against Oldham Athletic. Both Wolverhampton's goals were scored by Kelly, the Republic of Ireland forward, his second coming tantalisingly close to the final whistle. If Graham Taylor's side does gain promotion, it will be at the expense of turning their supporters' hair white with fright, so frequently have the Molineux club turned results around in the dying seconds of crucial games.

There was a nerve-jangling climax at Burnden Park, too, where McGinlay waited until the 86th minute to give Bolton Wanderers victory over Sunderland. He should have scored in the first half, but shot at the legs of Norman, the goalkeeper, when it looked easier to put the ball in the net.

Bolton have looked tired since their exploits at Wembley against Liverpool in the Coca-Cola Cup final and have relied heavily of late on last-gasp winning goals to keep them on track for the one automatic promotion place from the first division.

Barnsley, meanwhile, slipped out of the play-off zone, unable to reply to Woods' early goal at Blundell Park. Grimsby Town, though, have no hopes of forging a path into the play-off arena.

Reading were grateful for an own goal from Taylor at Luton Town to save them from an acutely embarrassing Easter. On Saturday, Reading let a half-time 3-0 lead slip at the hands of Port Vale, but the result yesterday put the surprise high flyers of the first division back among the play-off places.

Yesterday, Port Vale taunted Burnley, at the opposite end of the table, with a 1-0 victory at Vale Park.

Brentford go top of the Endsleigh second division having won 2-0 yesterday at Leyton Orient, who are already relegated. Brentford secured the top spot from Huddersfield, who could only draw 1-1 at home to Hull City.

Carlisle United needed one point over the Easter programme to guarantee them promotion from the third division but, after losing at Bury on Saturday, they lost at home yesterday, for the first time this season, 1-0 to Hartlepool.

Le Tissier heaps torment on woeful Wimbledon

Wimbledon 0
Southampton 2

BY IVO TENNANT

FOR A club that is supposed to be adept at stymying gifted footballers, Wimbledon has a singularly unimpressive record against Southampton. In their past 12 encounters, Matthew Le Tissier has scored ten goals, including one at Selhurst Park yesterday.

So, Southampton are better off on two counts. They should now remain in the FA Carling Premiership. Of equal importance — at least as far as their supporters are concerned — is that this should mean they will be able to continue to watch Le Tissier, the nonpareil in their eyes.

This was Southampton's fifth victory in six matches, good enough for any struggling club. Of their second goal yesterday, scored by Magilton, there can be no higher praise than to report that it was struck as well as Le Tissier's. Wimbledon were also-rans.

It is supposed that their football has become more refined in the past two seasons. Not so now. Here was a dreary succession of up-and-unders, numerous misplaced passes and the futility of unnecessarily expending energy while some of their opponents strolled around. Wimbledon had but three chances: first, Barton showed why he is a full back and not a forward, side-footing a decent chance way into the building works. Then, Jones was foiled by Beasant, and, near the end, Leonhardsen sliced the best opportunity of all over the bar.

But to return to Le Tissier. Terry Venables had him watched on Saturday and may or may not name him today in his England party for a get-together this weekend. "Fantastic goal," Le Tissier's club manager, Alan Ball, said, having admitted beforehand that it would be wrong to retain him if Southampton were relegated.

In the first minute, Le Tissier was whacked on a knee by a Wimbledon stud or two. Ball had expected nothing less. Eight minutes later, Southampton's captain received a delightful back-heel from Watson and, from some 18 yards, found the far corner of Wimbledon's goal.

The match was as good as over before half-time. Once more Watson provided the pass. This time it was Magilton, who, from the same distance but a different angle, drove past Sullivan with power and accuracy. "We believe we are an emerging team," Ball said. It was hard to contradict him.

WIMBLEDON (4-4-2): N Sullivan — W Barton, A Reeves, A Thorn, K Cunningham — V Jones, O Leonhardsen, J Goodman, M Gayle — E Ekoku, D Holdsworth.
SOUTHAMPTON (4-4-2): D Beasant — J Dodd, R Hall, F Benali, S Charlton — J Magilton, N Heaney (P Tisdale, 75), T Widdrington, M Le Tissier — N Shipperley, G Watson.
Referee: G Ashby.

EASTER MONDAY FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Carling Premiership

A VILLA 32,005	(0)	0	ARSENAL Hartson 31, 87 Wright 33, 72 (pen)	(2)	4
IPSWICH Thomsen 11 19,099	(1)	1	WEST HAM Boere 90	(0)	1
LIVERPOOL Fowler 75 Rush 80	(0)	2	LEICESTER 36,012	(0)	0
Sent off: M Whitlow (Leicester) 71					
MAN UTD 43,728	(0)	0	CHELSEA	(0)	0
NEWCASTLE Elliott 30 35,626	(1)	1	LEEDS McAllister 25 (pen) Yeboah 31	(2)	2
NOTTM F Woan 9 Collymore 42	(2)	2	COVENTRY 26,253	(0)	0
QPR 14,227	(0)	0	C PALACE Dowie 56	(0)	1
SHEFF WED 27,880	(0)	0	EVERTON	(0)	0
TOTTENHAM Sheringham 36	(1)	1	NORWICH 32,304	(0)	0
WIMBLEDON 10,521	(0)	0	SOUTHAMPTON Le Tissier 9 Magilton 32	(2)	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Blackburn	37	25	8	4	74	31	83
2 Man Utd	38	23	9	6	70	24	78
3 Nottm F	39	20	10	9	67	40	70
4 Liverpool	37	19	10	8	61	30	67
5 Newcastle	38	19	10	9	61	41	67
6 Leeds	38	17	12	9	52	35	63
7 Tottenham	37	16	11	10	59	48	59
8 QPR	38	15	8	15	56	55	53
9 Wimbledon	38	15	7	16	46	63	52
10 Arsenal	39	13	10	16	50	48	49
11 Southmptn	37	11	15	11	55	58	48
12 Sheff Wed	39	12	11	16	45	55	47
13 Chelsea	38	11	13	14	43	50	46
14 Coventry	38	11	13	14	39	56	46
15 Man City	37	11	11	15	47	57	44
16 A Villa	38	10	13	15	47	53	43
17 Everton	37	10	13	14	40	48	43
18 West Ham	37	11	9	17	38	46	42
19 C Palace	36	10	12	14	27	36	42
20 Norwich	39	10	12	17	34	49	42
21 Leicester	39	5	9	25	40	77	24
22 Ipswich	38	6	6	26	33	86	24

(Does not include Blackburn v Manchester City)

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley 4 Whitley Bay 1, Chorley 0 Boston 1; Frickley 2 Droylsden 0; Hyde 4 Buxton 2, Knowsley 1 Marine 1; Morecambe 7 Horwich 1, Winsford 0 Colwyn Bay 1. First division: Blyth Spartans 3 Worksop 3; Congleton 0 Caernarfon 2, Curzon Ashton 7 Ashton 0; Farsley Celtic 1 Bamber Bridge 4, Fleetwood 1 Lancaster 3; Goole 2 Eastwood Town 0, Gretna 1 Atherton LR 1; Harrogate Town 1 Alfreton 0; Mossley 3 Netherfield 1; Radcliffe 2 Workington 0; Warrington 1 Great Harwood 0.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 1 VS Rugby 1; Cheltenham 1 Gloucester 1. Crawley 5 Hastings 2; Gresley 5 Solihull 1; Hednesford 4 Corby 1; Leek 0 Burton 1, Rushden and Diamonds 2 Cambridge City 1; Sittingbourne 4 Gravesend and Northfleet 0, Sudbury 1 Chelmsford 0.

Midland division: Bedworth 1 Nuneaton 1; Bridgnorth 2 Redditch 3; Buckingham Town 1 Rothwell 1. Evesham 2 Forest Green 3; Hinckley Town 3 Leicester 1; Ilkeston 2 Armitage 1, King's Lynn 1 Grantham 2, Moor Green 2 Sutton Coldfield Town 1. Newport AFC 2 RC Warwick 0; Stourbridge 1 Dudley Town 2.

Southern division: Ashford 3 Tonbridge AFC 2. Bashley 2 Weymouth 0; Burnham 0 Wealdstone 4, Erith and Belvedere 0 Baldock 1. Fareham 0 Salisbury 2; Havant 1 Waterlooville 1. Margate 3 Fisher 93 0; Newport IoW 1 Bury Town 0, Weston-super-Mare 4 Clevedon 0; Yate 3 Witney 1.

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

BOLTON McGinlay 86	(0)	1	SUNDRLAND 15,030	(0)	0
BRISTOL CITY Bent 80	(0)	1	WEST BROM 8,777	(0)	0
DERBY Pembridge 31, 57 Mills 45 Williams 54 Gabbiadini 62	(2)	5	TRANMERE 13,957	(0)	0
GRIMSBY Woods 3	(1)	1	BARNSLEY 7,277	(0)	0
LUTON 8,717	(0)	0	READING Taylor 43 (og)	(1)	1
MIDDLSBORO Fjortoft 7 23,225	(1)	1	SHEFF UTD Blake 18	(1)	1
Sent off: U Fuchs (Middlesbrough) 83					
PORT VALE van der Laan 39	(1)	1	BURNLEY 9,663	(0)	0
PORTSMTH Durnin 27 (pen) Burton 84	(1)	2	WATFORD Phillips 89 8,396	(0)	1
SWINDON 10,549	(0)	0	STOKE Orlygsson 36	(1)	1
WOLVRHMPTN Kelly 33, 82 25,840	(1)	2	OLDHAM Bernard 37	(1)	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Middlsboro	43	22	11	10	63	37	77
2 Bolton	42	21	12	9	63	38	75
3 Tranmere	42	22	8	12	64	49	74
4 Wolvrhmptn	42	21	9	12	72	56	72
5 Reading	43	20	10	13	52	41	70
6 Barnsley	42	19	10	13	58	46	67
7 Derby	43	18	11	14	64	47	65
8 Sheff Utd	43	16	16	11	57	49	64
9 Grimsby	43	16	13	14	59	53	61
10 Watford	42	16	13	13	47	44	61
11 Luton	43	15	13	15	58	58	58
12 Millwall	42	15	12	15	55	55	57
13 Oldham	42	15	11	16	55	56	56
14 Stoke	42	14	14	14	42	46	56
15 Charlton	41	15	10	16	54	59	55
16 Port Vale	43	14	11	18	55	62	53
17 West Brom	43	15	8	20	44	54	53
18 Portsmth	43	13	12	18	48	61	51
19 Southend	42	14	8	20	45	70	50
20 Sundrland	43	11	16	16	37	42	49
21 Swindon	42	11	11	20	50	69	44
22 Burnley	43	11	11	21	46	70	44
23 Bristol City	43	11	11	21	40	59	44
24 Notts County	41	8	11	22	43	60	35

Second division

BRADFORD 3,535	(0)	0	ROTHERHAM Farrelly 8 Hayward 10 Peel 72	(2)	3
CAMBRIDGE UTD Heathcote 70	(0)	1	BIRMINGHAM 5,317	(0)	0
CARDIFF Bird 60 4,677	(0)	1	SHRWSBURY Smith 44 Spink 64	(1)	2
CHESTER 3,054	(0)	0	CREWE Tierney 55	(0)	1
HUDDERSFLD Sinnott 73 12,402	(0)	1	HULL Dewhurst 46	(0)	1
L ORIENT 4,459	(0)	0	BRENTFORD Bates 20 Forster 82	(1)	2
OXFORD UTD Moody 32	(1)	1	PETERBORO 5,163	(0)	0
PLYMOUTH Swan 43 Nugent 61	(1)	2	SWANSEA Hodge 40 5,850	(1)	1
WREXHAM Hughes 66	(0)	1	STOCKPORT 3,041	(0)	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Brentford	42	24	9	9	76	33	81
2 Huddersfld	43	22	14	7	76	44	80
3 Birmingham	41	22	12	7	74	32	78
4 Bristol R	42	20	15	7	66	36	75
5 Crewe	41	22	6	13	72	63	72
6 Oxford Utd	43	20	11	12	62	49	71
7 Wycombe	42	19	14	9	54	42	71
8 Hull	42	18	11	13	62	51	65
9 York	42	19	8	15	59	48	65
10 Swansea	42	17	14	11	54	42	65
11 Blackpool	42	17	10	15	62	62	61
12 Stockport	43	18	7	18	60	58	61
13 Wrexham	43	15	15	13	62	60	60
14 Bradford	43	16	11	16	57	62	59
15 Peterboro	43	13	16	14	51	67	55
16 Brighton	42	13	15	14	49	47	54
17 Rotherham	43	13	14	16	56	52	53
18 Shrwsbury	43	12	14	17	51	58	50
19 Cambs Utd	43	10	14	19	50	67	44
20 Bournemth	42	10	11	21	42	67	41
21 Plymouth	42	11	8	23	39	76	41
22 Cardiff	43	9	10	24	46	71	37
23 L Orient	43	6	8	29	30	72	26
24 Chester	43	4	11	28	34	81	23

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford 1 Hitchin 0, Chesham 0 Aylesbury 2; Grays 1 Purfleet 2: Hendon 3 Molesey 1: Marlow 1 Hayes 3. Slough 1 Wokingham 0, St Albans 1 Enfield 2, Sutton United 3 Carshalton 2; Walton and Hersham 0 Kingstonian 2.

First division: Abingdon Town 3 Newbury 0; Aldershot Town 1 Basingstoke 0, Billericay 0 Barking 3; Bognor Regis 1 Worthing 1 Boreham Wood 1 Berkhamsted 1. Heybridge Swifts 2 Wivenhoe 0; Leyton 0 Tooting and Mitcham 1. Wembley 0 Ruislip Manor 3. Whyteleafe 4 Dorking 0.

Second division: Aveley 2 Tilbury 3 Barton 4 Chalfont St Peter 1, Egham 4 Windsor and Eton 2; Hemel Hempstead 2 Edgware 2.

Third division

BARNET Inglethorpe 15 2,078	(1)	1	WALSALL Ryder 23 Wilson 37 Lightbourne 58	(2)	3
CARLISLE 10,242	(0)	0	HARTLPOOL Houchen 31	(1)	1
DONCASTER Jones 41 4,796	(1)	1	CHESTRFLD Robinson 6 Carr 59 Curtis 85	(1)	3
FULHAM Morgan 83	(0)	1	GILLINGHAM 3,612	(0)	0
LINCOLN Carbon 19 Greenall 22 Williams 65 3,333	(2)	3	SCUNTHRPE Turnbull 6 Gregory 40 Nicholson 54	(2)	3
NORTHMPTN Brown 8 5,011	(1)	1	COLCHESTER Whitton 67	(0)	1
ROCHDALE 4,012	(0)	0	PRESTON Davey 39	(1)	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Carlisle	39	25	10	4	63	27	85
2 Chestrfld	39	22	11	6	56	33	77
3 Walsall	38	21	10	7	69	38	73
4 Bury	37	19	10	8	60	35	67
5 Preston	39	18	10	11	54	38	64
6 Mansfield	38	18	8	12	79	53	62
7 Doncaster	39	16	10	13	53	36	58
8 Colchester	39	16	9	14	53	69	57
9 Scunthrpe	39	16	8	15	62	59	56
10 Fulham	39	14	13	12	53	53	55
11 Barnet	39	14	11	14	50	56	53
12 Lincoln	39	13	11	15	49	50	50
13 Wigan	38	13	10	15	50	52	49
14 Torquay	38	12	11	15	48	54	47
15 Rochdale	38	11	13	14	42	57	46
16 Hereford	38	11	11	16	42	56	44
17 Northmptn	39	8	14	17	40	59	38
18 Darlington	38	10	8	20	37	51	38
19 Gillingham	39	9	10	20	41	59	37
20 Hartlpool	39	9	10	20	36	64	37
21 Exeter	38	8	9	21	34	65	33
22 Scarboro	37	7	9	21	43	62	30

(Does not include Hereford v Mansfield)

Hungerford 2 Bracknell 3; Leatherhead 1 Croydon 1: Malden Vale 0 Banstead 5. Metropolitan Police 1 Hampton 1: Saffron Walden Town 0 Witham 0

Third division: Camberley 2 Cove 1: Canvey Island 2 East Thurrock 1; Collier Row 0 Hornchurch 0: Epsom and Ewell 1 Feltham and Hounslow 1 Harlow 2 Hertford 2. Kingsbury 0 Clapton 1. Leighton 6 Tring 1. Lewes 0 Horsham 3; Northwood 3 Harefield 0; Southall 3 Flackwell Heath 0

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor City 4 Conwy 1, Barry 2 Rhyl 1; Caersws 2 Aberystwyth 1; Cwmbran 0 Ton Pentre 1. Flint Town 3 Mold 1. Holywell 2 Connah's Quay 0; Llansantffraid 0 Newtown 0; Maesteg Park 2 Afan Lido 1

FA WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Southern division: Berkhamstead and Hemel 1 Brighton and Hove Albion 0

Vauxhall Conference

ALTRNCHM Green 16 670	(1)	1	BROMSGROVE Marlowe 42	(1)	1
BATH Birkby 3, 35 Adekola 59	(2)	3	YEOVIL 1,184	(0)	0
DOVER Darlington 39, 41 Bodden 86 (pen)	(2)	3	NORTHWICH Williams 45 1,158	(1)	1
Sent off: G Ogard (Northwich) 85 I Cooke (Northwich) 90					
FARNBOROUGH Denny 72 730	(0)	1	DAG and RED Shipp 16 Martin 24 McDonough 40	(3)	3
RUNCORN 335	(0)	0	MERTHYR	(0)	0
SOUTHPORT Thomas 5 Haw 61	(1)	2	STEVENAGE Hayles 54 783	(0)	1
TELFORD Myers 58 829	(0)	1	HALIFAX Johnson 7	(1)	1
WOKING Hay 64 1,585	(0)	1	GATESHEAD Carroll 14	(1)	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Macclsfld	36	23	6	7	68	32	75
2 Gateshead	39	18	9	12	57	49	63
3 Southport	38	18	8	12	60	48	62
4 Altrnchm	36	18	6	12	71	51	60
5 Woking	34	16	11	7	61	46	59
6 Stevenage	38	17	7	14	59	45	58
7 Kettering	38	16	10	12	62	49	58
8 Halifax	39	15	12	12	63	52	57
9 Northwich	39	14	12	13	70	59	54
10 Bromsgrove	39	14	12	13	62	62	54
11 Runcorn	39	15	9	15	56	66	54
12 Farnboro	38	15	8	15	42	56	53
13 Kidderminstr	36	14	9	13	56	52	51
14 Bath	38	12	12	14	51	55	48
15 Dag & Red	40	11	13	16	52	67	46
16 Dover	37	10	15	12	44	48	45
17 Stalybridge	38	11	12	15	48	64	45
18 Telford	38	10	14	14	47	54	44
19 Merthyr	37	11	9	17	48	56	42
20 Welling	36	12	6	18	50	66	42
21 Yeovil	37	8	10	19	39	59	33
22 Stafford	38	6	10	22	47	76	28

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool Rovers 2 Eastwood Hanley 1; Maine Road 1 Trafford 4; Newcastle Town 2 Penrith 1; St Helens 0 Burscough 5.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Bowers 3 Basildon 2; Hullbridge Sports 0 Concord 3; Maldon 2 Burnham Ramblers 1; Romford 3 East Ham 0: Southend Manor 0 Great Wakering 4, Stansted 1 Sawbridgeworth Town 4

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Guisborough 1 Whitby 1

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple 1 Elmore 2; Bridport 2 Taunton 1; Paulton 0 Calne 1, Torrington 3 Bideford 1; Westbury 3 Mangotsfield 0.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Carterton 0 Fairford 3; Cinderford 5 Swindon Supermarine 2; Cirencester 3 Abingdon 1; Kintbury 1 Banbury 6; North Leigh 3 Shortwood 1. Postponed: Pegasus Juniors v Bicester.

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bugbrooke 2 Blisworth 0; Daventry 0 British Timken 3; Harrowby 2 Cottingham 1; Higham 3 Irchester 0; Northampton Vanaid 6 ON Chenecks 0; St Ives 0 Ramsey 0; Sharnbrook 2 St Neots 3; Thrapston 10 Burton PW 1; Whitworths 5 Olney 1.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Barwell 0 Hinckley Athletic 3, Oldbury 0 Halesowen Harriers 2; Paget 4 Boldmere St Michaels 0; Rocester 1 Knypersley 1; Rushall 2 West Midlands Police 1; Shepshed D 1 Chasetown 1; Shifnal 2 Willenhall 1; Stapenhill 1 Bolehall Swifts 0; Stratford 1 Pershore 0; Brierley Hill 1 Sandwell 4.

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Cliftonville	27	12	9	6	38	27	45
Linfield	28	11	9	8	44	30	42
Distillery	27	11	6	10	42	42	39
Ards	28	11	5	10	45	42	38
Bangor	28	8	13	7	40	34	37
Omagh Town	27	8	12	7	34	30	36
Carrick	28	7	7	14	44	69	28
Ballymena	27	6	6	15	34	52	24
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Palace simplify approach and move closer to survival

Dowie: journeyman

Queens Park Rangers 0
Crystal Palace 1

By Stuart Jones

A WELL-TRAVELLED journeyman from the bargain basement has spread a ray of sunshine across Crystal Palace's horizon. Iain Dowie, acquired for a mere £400,000 in the middle of January, claimed the winner at Loftus Road yesterday to lift his latest club one place closer to preserving their Premiership status.

The three points took them above Norwich City and, but for West Ham United's equaliser in injury time at Ipswich, Palace would now be out of the bottom four. With only one defeat in their last seven league matches, they are making progress despite their debilitating lack of fire-power.

Their scoring record, the lowest in the division, is described by their manager, Alan Smith, as "appalling". In an attempt to improve a total of only 26 goals, he picked an adventurous formation. It featured three forwards but the system had to be rearranged after little more than half an hour.

Amid fixture congestion which annually penalises every club that reaches the latter stages of the cup competitions (both in Palace's case), he is forced to select players less than fully fit. One of them was Salako. "I tried to get him through it.", Smith admitted.

Once Salako had limped off, Palace were even more disorganised and unproductive than they had been. Although their defence was typically resolute, scarcely a pass was directed with any purpose and they received a verbal lashing during the interval. Smith later disclosed some of his justifiably robust comments.

Dowie was one of the main victims. "When he does the simple things, he's good. Some of the things he was trying in the first half were ridiculous. Why try to pivot and turn when he's never been able to do that throughout his career. He made himself look stupid."

Houghton, another of the club's recent signings, led the response. Although many of his colleagues continued to complicate matters, he preferred to carry out only the possible. In the 56th minute, Palace were rewarded for their more straightforward approach.

A corner, taken on the left by Newman, was bludgeoned in by the head of Dowie for his seventh goal in 15 games. It was to be virtually the only opening they created throughout the rainswept afternoon. The rest of it was a case of overt self-preservation.

Ray Wilkins spent 82 minutes in Palace's colours at the start of the season and he visited their dressing-room beforehand to renew old acquaintances. "I enjoyed my time there," the manager of Queens Park Rangers said. "They are a good bunch of lads and they are committed, so they must have more than half a chance of staying up."

Despite the compliments he paid to the opposition, his own side scorned several chances. The sequence started with Ferdinand, given a free header, unable even to trouble the goalkeeper.

Other than their back four, almost everybody else was later guilty and Ferdinand completed the profligacy, albeit with a direct header which was nodded off the line by Houghton. "We are in the safety zone," Wilkins conceded, "and today it showed."

He came on for the first time at Southampton on Saturday as a substitute, but he revealed that he had not considered himself available to reclaim a place. He has been suffering since from asthma and was so discomfited that he preferred to take his usual place on the sidelines. That was a pity. The occasion, a chaotic mess, would have benefited from his presence. It was left to Houghton to instil a semblance of quality.

QUEENS PARK RANGERS (4-4-2): A Roberts — D Maddix, D Bardsley, A McDonald, K Ready (sub: D Dichio, 69) — T Sinclair, I 21min), R Brevett (sub: D Dichio, 69) — T Sinclair, I Holloway, C Wilson, A Impey — L Ferdinand, G Peacock.

CRYSTAL PALACE (3-4-3): R Wilmot — R Shaw, E Young, C Coleman — G Southgate, R Newman, R Houghton, D Gordon (sub: B Bowry, 88), C Armstrong, I Dowie, J Salako (sub: I Cox, 33).

Referee: A Wilkie

Norwich plumb depths of despair

Tottenham Hotspur 1
Norwich City 0

By Rusell Kempson

GOING, going, gone? Norwich City, in sixth place in the FA Carling Premiership at the turn of the year, descended into the relegation pit for the first time this season at White Hart Lane yesterday. The momentum of failure is difficult to halt and, with their fifth successive defeat, the Endsleigh League flames now threaten to engulf them. Sad times.

Only 16 months ago, Bayern Munich were brushed aside in the Uefa Cup and Internazionale were run close. Mike Walker, the manager, has since left, and John Deehan, his successor, dutifully resigned nine days ago. Gary Megson, the caretaker manager, has only three matches left — against Liverpool, Leeds United and Aston Villa — in which to work the oracle.

"The situation is bleak," he said. "We still have nine points to play for and we have just got to keep going. I thought we battled hard, especially in the second half, and if we can reproduce that, it has got to give us something of a chance."

Few would like to see Norwich disappear, even if many regard them, rather patronisingly, as no more than endearing country cousins, but the return of 12 points from a possible 60 does not bear out their right to remain among the elite.

For Tottenham, a Uefa Cup place still beckons. Four matches in nine days had clearly drained their mental resources and, however much they tried, they struggled to summon the necessary willpower or creativity to break down the Norwich resistance. Once, though, was enough.

The first half assumed an almost surreal, end-of-season feel, with Tottenham spraying the ball around neatly in midfield through Popescu and Anderton. Barmby and Rosenthal worked the flanks industriously, eager to please and full of good ideas.

Strangely, it all came to nought. Norwich swiftly negated everything Tottenham could muster as Newman, at sweeper, marshalled his colleagues with authority.

Yet it made for awful viewing. Tottenham, with misplaced arrogance, assumed that the breakthrough would arrive as a matter of course. It was only when they realised that calculated patience was more appropriate that they shrugged off their lethargy and attempted to make things happen.

Even then, Tottenham's best move, which involved Barmby, twice, and Anderton, ended with Klinsmann directing a near-post header way off target. The uncomfortable wait for something conclusive to happen, that extended until the 35th minute, was, however, worth it.

Anderton collected possession 30 yards out and, had he glanced around, he would have spotted ten yellow-and-green shirts between him and Marshall, the goalkeeper. However, with a deft flick of his right foot, Anderton lifted the ball over the wall of opponents and into the path of Sheringham.

He needed one touch to control it, and a second to dispatch it. Marshall's dive too little, too late, to prevent Sheringham's 21st goal of the season. A gem against a backdrop of frustration.

It had to improve after the interval and did, just. Norwich maintained their strict formation but, with Akinbiyi replacing Sheron, their attacking intentions became more genuine. It left them vulnerable at the back but, time and again, Klinsmann and Barmby were unable to take advantage of the space.

Norwich, game if little else, launched a late offensive that almost produced, in the final minute, a draw they barely deserved. Newsome, the captain, curled in an elegant shot from 25 yards and Walker watched helplessly as it cannoned off the crossbar to safety. With it, barring a revival of heroic proportions, went Norwich's Premiership status.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): I Walker — D Austin, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, J Edinburgh — R Rosenthal, D Anderton, G Popescu, N Barmby (sub: D Caskey, 90min) — E Sheringham, J Klinsmann.

NORWICH CITY (1-4-1-2-2): A Marshall — J R Newman — S Prior, J Newsome, J Crook — C Polston, M Bowen — I Crook — C Bradshaw, M Milligan (sub: D Sutch, 73) — A Ward, M Sheron (sub: A Akinbiyi, 45).

Referee: R Gifford.

ROB HOWARTH

Potts, the West Ham United defender, slides in to tackle Mathie during the FA Carling Premiership draw at Portman Road yesterday

Boere's late goal eases West Ham burden

Ipswich Town 1
West Ham United 1

By David Powell

WITH Manchester United, Blackburn Rovers and a generally awkward run-in to come, this was supposed to have been the easy one for West Ham United. It did not work out that way and it took a goal in the fourth minute of added time — skirmish rather than injury time — to lift them out of the FA Carling Premiership relegation zone.

Ipswich had seemed virtually assured of only their third clean sheet of the season yesterday when Jeroen Boere, a Dutchman, cancelled out the first-half goal from Claus Thomsen, a Dane. On the balance of play, the equaliser was deserved but Baker, the Ipswich goalkeeper, who played particularly well, may feel a sense of injustice: although Baker fumbled the ball, Cottee appeared to foul him and Boere was able to pick up the pieces.

West Ham's goal came in time added on for a fracas in which Dicks was fortunate to escape with a booking. He had brought down Thomsen in a tackle described as "vicious" by George Burley, the Ipswich manager.

When Hutchison attempted to pull up Thomsen, presumably supposing he was faking pain, Williams rushed in to take issue in a scene reminiscent of the Keane and Patterson sendings-off in the FA Cup semi-final replay between Manchester United and Crystal Palace. The difference was that there was, thankfully, no stamping incident and Dicks did not receive a red card for reacting no less vehemently than Patterson had, having committed the foul which started the ruckus.

Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, said: "That one point makes a massive difference." Although four of West Ham's five remaining matches are at home. Manchester United, Blackburn, Liverpool and Queens Park Rangers are their opponents at Upton Park and their away match is with Crystal Palace, whose marginally inferior goal difference separates West Ham from the bottom four.

During the first five minutes, West Ham had made a bold statement of intent, when they made three scoring chances but could take none. Among them was Baker's save from a drive by Cottee, the first of six agile saves.

However, after ten minutes, West Ham found themselves behind. A cross by Williams was cleared by Rieper only as far as Thomsen who, from just outside the penalty box, struck a crisp drive low to the left of Miklosko.

Ipswich, already relegated and without a goal at Portman Road for seven weeks, might have gone two up after 14 minutes when Dicks seemed not to sense Stockwell running in as Slater crossed. Dicks let it go and Miklosko was forced to block Stockwell's shot.

After the interval, Baker blocked a shot from Breacker and a header from Boere. By now West Ham's supporters were losing hope and, expletives and profanities exhausted, one follower went back to the ultimate cry of desperation. "Do *something*," he shouted. Boere must have been listening.

IPSWICH TOWN (4-4-2): C Baker — M Stockwell, J Wark, D Linighan, F Yallop — S Milton (sub: P Mason, 74min), C Thomsen, G Williams, S Slater — I Marshall (sub: L Chapman, 90), A Mathie

WEST HAM UNITED (4-4-2): L Miklosko — T Breacker, M Rieper, S Potts, J Dicks — J Moncur, I Bishop, M Holmes, M Allen (sub: D Hutchison, 50) — J Boere, A Cottee.

Referee: M Bodenham

Ten-minute wonder settles issue in stormy Rio derby

By Our Sports Staff

FIVE players and a coach were sent off and nine players shown the yellow card in a brutal Rio de Janeiro derby. Botafogo beat Flamengo 1-0 with their striker, Guga, coming on as a substitute, scoring the winner and then joining the dismissals, all in the space of ten minutes.

The result put Botafogo three points ahead of Flamengo at the top of the final stage of the Rio de Janeiro championship.

Flamengo, missing injured striker Romario, lost Savio, the winger, in the fifth minute when he was taken off injured after a scything tackle by Botafogo defender, Gottardo. Jefferson, the Botafogo full-back, and Fabinho, the Flamengo defender, were dismissed early in the second half when they squared up after a foul by Fabinho and Vanderley Luxemburgo, the Flamengo coach,was sent off for dissent.

Guga was sent off for clashing with Valber, who was also shown the red card, and Botafogo defender Gottardo was dismissed in the last minute for a bad tackle on Mauricio.

There were numerous other vicious tackles, some of which earned the perpetrators yellow cards, many of which went unpunished. Claudio Cerdeira, the referee, said that Luxemburgo had called him a "mental retard" while Guga described Valber as a crook after he had been sent off.

Tulio, leading scorer in the championship with 21 goals, set up Guga's 75th-minute winner despite twice being fouled in the penalty area.

In the Dutch first division, Roda JC Kerkrade had a player and two trainers sent from the pitch yesterday in another bad-temperedmatch which left them slipping further behind the leaders, Ajax Amsterdam, after a goalless draw with Willem II Tilburg. Ajax, who beat Gronigen 4-2 on Sunday, lead with 51 points.

Brazil and Russia played out a lacklustre 0-0 draw in group A of the world youth championships in Doha, Qatar, yesterday. Andrei Solomatin, of Russia, and Ze Elias, of Brazil, were sent off towards the end of a disappointing contest.

The Roda midfield player, Eric van de Luer, come close to putting his team ahead early in the second half when his shot crashed against the crossbar. But as Willem II continued to keep them in check, a note of frustration crept in to Roda's play.

Raymond Atteveld, the Roda defender, was booked for a foul and assistant trainer, Eddy Achterberg, was sent to the stands for protesting too vehemently against the referee's decision.

Fifteen minutes from the end of the match Atteveld was sent off after another rough challenge and an irate Huub Stevens, the Roda trainer, was also given his marching orders.

PSV Eindhoven held on to third place with a 3-2 win over MVV Maastricht while Twente Enschede leap-frogged over Feyenoord in to fourth place by beating them 3-0.

The Feyenoord match began 15 minutes late after referee, Herman van Dijk, was held up in heavy traffic. Twente quickly made up for the lost time, Arnold Bruggink scoring after 20 minutes and Nico-Jan Hoogma heading home a corner just ten minutes later. Edwin Vurens put the result beyond doubt with a 69th minute goal and Feyenoord's problems were compounded two minutes later when defender Ullrich van Gobbel was sent off.

Yeboah ends Keegan's run

Newcastle United 1
Leeds United 2

By Pat Gibson

LEEDS United are ready for another assault on Europe. They proved it yesterday by becoming the first team to beat Newcastle United at St James' Park in 22 FA Carling Premiership matches going back 15 months, and in the process increased the pressure on their rivals for a place in the Uefa Cup next season.

"We are going to have to start relying on Manchester United winning the FA Cup if we're not careful," Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, said after his side had felt the weight of Leeds' challenge. "We look like a team who need the season to finish a couple of weeks early."

Leeds wish it was only just beginning. Their manager, Howard Wilkinson, has just turned down a lucrative offer to manage the Turkish club, Galatasaray, because his team has started to look like the team he wants.

"A great result," he said. "The longer a record stands the harder it is to break. We played very well in the first half and when they threw the kitchen sink at us in the second, we kept our shape and showed great resilience."

It was a fair summing up, even though Newcastle they were without Peacock, their central defender, through suspension, and Venison, his obvious replacement, through injury, and the inexperience in the middle was a key factor in both the Leeds goals.

The first came in the 26th minute when Watson, diving to head away Dorigo's cross, inexplicably handled the ball inside the area. There was uproar when the referee, mistaking Watson for Howey, who had already been cautioned, first brandished a red card sending Watson off, before recalling him and flourishing a yellow one. It had no effect on McAllister, who stroked the penalty past Srnicek, but it incensed Keegan, whose finger-wagging showed his anger.

Yeboah: simple tap-in

Newcastle equalised four minutes later when Watson made amends for his aberration. He dispossed Yeboah deep in the Newcastle half, and went rampaging forward, winning a corner. When that was headed out, he swung his boot and left Lukic stranded.

The biggest crowd of the season at St James' was silenced within a minute. As Speed pumped the ball forward, the Newcastle defence tried to catch Yeboah off-side, but the whistle never came, and the Ghanian striker had all the time in the world to round Srnicek and tap in his eleventh goal in 13 games.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): P Srnicek — M Hottiger, S Watson, S Howey, R Elliott (sub: A Neilson, 50min) — K Gillespie, P Bracewell, R Lee, P Beardsley — P Kitson, R Fox.

LEEDS UNITED (4-4-2): J Lukic — G Kelly, D Wetherall, J Pemberton, A Dorigo — D White (sub: N Worthington, 74min), C Palmer, G McAllister, G Speed — A Yeboah (sub: P Masinga, 88min), B Deane.

Referee: P Danson.

Wright completes Arsenal's escape

Aston Villa 0
Arsenal 4

By Simon Barnes

WHAT more bizarre shapes can the FA Carling Premiership table assume? Yesterday morning, Aston Villa and Arsenal were deeply worried about their future. Teams have been going up and down like lifts in an office block at lunchtime. Aston Villa are now sixteenth and looking distinctly miserable; Arsenal, at tenth, are ten times happier than before.

Going down? Relegation is a terrible thing, and every player on the pitch felt it as the game began. Please God, let us not go down. And please, let it not be my fault.

The terror of error leads ineluctably to error itself. Initial shakiness and twitchiness at both ends seemed to make certain an afternoon of deep and terrible neurosis. But the writing was on the wall, or the numbers were. Killer stat: Villa had not scored in six previous games, apart from an own goal contributed by ever-generous Ipswich Town. And, after half an hour, a single minute settled the game, and with it all of Arsenal's nerves.

Once again, Wright came to Arsenal's rescue. In times of need, send for Wright. His incisive pass allowed Merson to slide in a short cross that Hartson tapped in without trouble. Seconds later, Wright, picking up the ball at speed in the centre circle, ran at and then clean through the Villa defence. Blistering pace, fine control, extraordinary confidence: goal. And Arsenal, it seemed even then, were quite safe.

Villa tried to rally in the second half, their attacks constantly getting tangled up in the mighty limbs of the centre backs, Bould and Adams. And then rather too tangled; Bould yanked back Taylor, and Saunders took the penalty. Seaman saved a hard, low and accurate shot with his left hand. The setback was more than Villa could bear.

They looked busy, but increasingly purposeless. Yorke was constantly beating his man, sometimes a second time. An accomplished player, but he seems to regard passing as a last resort. He should watch some videos of Wright. Wright knows when to pass, all right, hence the first goal. And he also knows when monster selfishness is the most perfect form of responsibility — hence the second goal.

That was his 27th goal of the season. Not so many in the league, hence Arsenal's poor position, but a bucketful in Europe, hence Arsenal's run to the semi-finals of the Cup Winners' Cup. They take on Sampdoria on Thursday in the second leg, defending a dodgy 3-2 lead. They will need Wright on form for that.

So he was substituted with 15 minutes to go, but not before he had scored his 28th. It came from a penalty after McGrath had tripped him up. The conversion was as nicely judged as the tumble.

Hartson: scored twice

Arsenal's fourth goal was simply a matter of dancing on the grave. Merson fed Hartson through a Villa defence that was now mixing ineptitude and despair in equal portions. Hartson helped himself to his second as calmly as he had his first.

Arsenal's breathless April continues in Italy in two days. "I have told them all to go to bed," Stewart Houston, the Arsenal caretaker manager, said. "Get some rest." There is nothing quite as restful, though, as the easing of the worries of relegation.

In 48 hours, there have been six points and five goals from Wright. But poor Villa left the pitch to an unforgiving chorus. Rubbish? Well, how many own goals will it take to avoid relegation? Brian Little, the Villa manager, said: "Nobody at the club can fool themselves that we might not go down."

ASTON VILLA (4-4-2): M Bosnich — U Ehiogu, S Teale, P McGrath, S Staunton — D Atkinson, I Taylor, A Townsend, D Yorke — D Saunders, T Johnson.

ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seaman — L Dixon, A Adams, S Bould, N Winterburn — R Parlour (sub: D Hillier, 70min), S Schwarz, M Keown, P Merson — I Wright (sub: C Kiwomya, 76), J Hartson

Referee: K Morton

Darren Gough, the Yorkshire and England bowler, picks his Fantasy First XI team

Donald's cause will spur a winning side

In selecting my Fantasy First XI, I have generally gone for high-quality cricketers who will probably spend most of the season playing at county level. Of my team, only John Crawley and myself appeared for England during the winter, but several of my other selections are close to receiving international recognition and Andrew Caddick, in particular, may earn a call-up against West Indies this season.

The first name on my list, though, was not an Englishman but an overseas player, Allan Donald. He is one of the quickest bowlers in the world and hostile, as I know to my cost after encountering him in the Lord's Test match with South Africa last year, when one ball from him badly bruised my right forearm, forcing me to retire hurt.

After what has happened at *Warwickshire in the past 12* months, Donald will be doubly determined to do well. Brian Lara was signed only as cover for Donald himself, but after his own phenomenal success with the bat and Warwickshire's achievement in winning three of the four county trophies, the club signed the West Indian on a three-year contract, and Donald will not play for them again after September. This turn of events will, I am sure, inspire Donald to take a hatful of wickets in the next few months.

To open my batting, I had no hesitation in selecting Graham Gooch, who remains one of the best performers in the world. He has shown his class by scoring consistently at Test match level and in county cricket for year after year and he will be no less keen to score heavily for Essex this summer now that he has retired from the international game. He is one of the most difficult batsmen I have come across.

I also know from personal experience what a fine batsman Paul Terry, the Hampshire opener, is. He scored an excellent century against Yorkshire on a tricky Headingley pitch last June, carrying his bat for 141 out of a total of 305 and displaying a great back-foot technique.

When I chose my team, I did not know that David Byas would begin his season by taking a career-best *181* off Cambridge University at Fenner's last Thursday, but those runs will be most welcome to my team's cause. Byas has improved in each of the past three years and, having seen him in action on Yorkshire's pre-season tour of South Africa, I know he is in the best form of his life. He is a left-hander, which is always an advantage, and he cannot be far away from an international place.

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My fourth batsman is John Crawley, whom I have always rated and who must now be the best young batsman in England. He had a good tour of Australia, averaging over 40 in first-class matches and 34 in the Tests, despite missing out in the final match at Perth.

Richard Montgomerie, who completes my batting specialists, is my rising star. He is largely a front-foot player but can handle the short-pitched ball pretty well and now that he has finished his studies at Oxford he can concentrate on his cricket with Northamptonshire I expect him to do especially well.

My all-rounder, Mike Watkinson, the Lancashire captain, is a versatile performer, capable of bowling seam or spin, and is well equipped to bring in points regularly. Last season he scored 889 runs and took 63 wickets, an outstanding performance. Steve Marsh, the Kent wicketkeeper, will, like Watkinson, make runs and has the advantage of playing most of his home matches on green pitches with a strong seam attack of Igglesden, McCague, Headley and *Ealham to find regularly* the edge of the bat. Last season Marsh made more dismissals than any other wicketkeeper.

Peter Martin, the Lancashire new-ball bowler, has gained an extra yard of pace recently and bowls a good line and length. He is also the sort of late-order batsman who can make runs. He scored an unbeaten 43 against Yorkshire at Old Trafford at the start of last season and I found it very difficult to bowl at him.

If Caddick, who has spent the winter recovering from shoulder and shin injuries, starts the season well for Somerset, he has a great chance of regaining his England place. He often bowls on helpful pitches at Taunton, swings the ball away and has the technique and ability to take wickets at whatever level of the game he plays.

I have chosen myself to complete the line-up of my Fantasy First XI because if you do not back yourself to do well, who will? I have no real concerns about my fitness. I played for Yorkshire's second XI against the club's Academy at Headingley last Thursday and came through with no ill-effects. I took two wickets for 22 runs and scored 50 *not* out from 24 balls.

I will not be changing my batting technique against the West Indies fast bowlers. I see no reason to. I received short-pitched bowling from South Africa last summer and from McDermott in Australia and if you want to survive in international cricket you have got to learn to handle it.

DARREN GOUGH'S TEAM

Batsmen
036 .. .. G A Gooch (Essex)
105 . ...V P Terry (Hampshire)
017 ....D A Byas (Yorkshire)
024 ....J P Crawley (Lancashire)
071 ....R R Montgomerie (Northamptonshire, rising star)

All-rounder
160 . . ..M Watkinson (Lancashire)

Wicketkeeper
173 .. ..S A Marsh (Kent)

Bowlers
224 ....D Gough (Yorkshire)
204 ....A R Caddick (Somerset)
215 ....A A Donald (Warwickshire, overseas player)
246 ....P J Martin (Lancashire)

Steve Marsh completed the most dismissals by a wicketkeeper last season and should make valuable runs again

Change of season brings a season for change

This year competitors in our cricket game will be able to change their team *during* the season. We have replaced the reserve system we used last year with a new transfer period.

For seven days, from July 12 to 18, you will be able to make up to four changes to your *original* team without penalty. You do not have to make any changes, but if you choose to take advantage of this opportunity, your reshaped team must still conform to the general rules: you must have five batsmen, an all-rounder, a wicketkeeper and four bowlers (all as designated in the Fantasy First XI lists) and you must include only one overseas player and only one rising star.

Particular care would be needed if you chose to replace either an overseas player or a rising star. If you decided to replace, say, Mushtaq Ahmed (an all-rounder) with Brian Lara (a batsman), you would have to make another change, replacing another batsman with another all-rounder.

These restrictions apart, a transfer may be made for any reason: injury, omission from the first team or just loss of form. You must decide whether your original selection needs strengthening.

The scores of your new players from July 19 will be added to those of your original selections before July 11. There are no first-class matches scheduled to take place during the transfer period. From July 26, the weekly listing of players scores published in *The Times* will show both individual season totals *and* the scores accumulated since July 18.

Apart from the changes allowed within the transfer period, no other alterations will be allowed to a team for any reason. No substitutes for injured or suspended players can be made. If a player you have selected is omitted from his county team (and is not playing for his country, or for a touring team), he will not be scoring in Fantasy First XI.

Injury records and playing opportunities are worth bearing in mind when making your selection.

Full details of how to make transfers will be published in *The Times* as the transfer period approaches.

Form a league of your own

By our Sports Staff

THIS year, for the first time, you can compete directly with colleagues at work or friends and family at home, in our new Fantasy First XI mini-leagues. All you have to do is find three other Fantasy First XI players and agree to choose a team manager.

The team managers should submit to us the Personal Identification Numbers (PINs) which they and their *friends received when* they entered the game and we will provide regularly updated mini-league tables throughout the course of the season. A small fee will be charged to cover the costs of administration.

Full details of the mini-league service will be published later and application forms will be available in *The Times* after the closing date for entries to Fantasy First XI on April 27. It is important to note that you must have entered the main competition and received your PINs in order to be able to take part in the mini-leagues.

All first-class runs scored and wickets taken count towards *The Times* Fantasy First XI, including those in matches played before the closing date of our game. All entries must *be with us by April 27.*

Companies and office teams will also be able to enter a special league competition by using the mini-league service. The four First XI team scores will be combined and entered in a separate competition, the Company Barclaycard League, with special prizes for the successful entries. Once again, *you must* have entered the main game before the closing date on April 27 in order to enter the company competition. Details about how to enter a team, and the great prizes for the winners, will be announced later.

Opportunities for players to shine will vary

A KEY factor in the Fantasy First XI game will be the number of opportunities chosen players receive during the 1995 season to play in first-class matches — the only matches that count towards the game — and thereby accumulate points.

As the accompanying table summarising the season's fixtures shows, some teams — and therefore their regular players — will have more matches than others. Middlesex, Worcestershire, Yorkshire and the West Indies touring team are the only sides guaranteed 20 first-class matches during the season, while Northamptonshire and Surrey will play a total of only 18. The difference of two matches could be the difference of hundreds of points for certain players.

With some other counties it is impossible to be certain of their precise number of first-class fixtures, as six of them have been pencilled in for tour matches against the West Indians but only three of them will fulfil these fixtures, depending on the results of certain matches in the Benson and Hedges Cup and NatWest Trophy limited-overs competitions.

Players chosen by England for a Test match — and there are six of them against West Indies — will usually, though not always, miss one match for their counties as a result. England players will also be taken away from their counties to play in three limited-overs Texaco Trophy internationals in May.

England-qualified players may also be chosen for England A v Warwickshire in April and a TCCB XI v Australia A in August.

Players chosen for the Australia A touring team are not eligible for selection unless they are listed as an overseas player for one of the counties. In such a case, their perfor*mances in first-class matches* for Australia A will count towards their points total.

Middlesex and Nottinghamshire are the only counties with fixtures against both Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

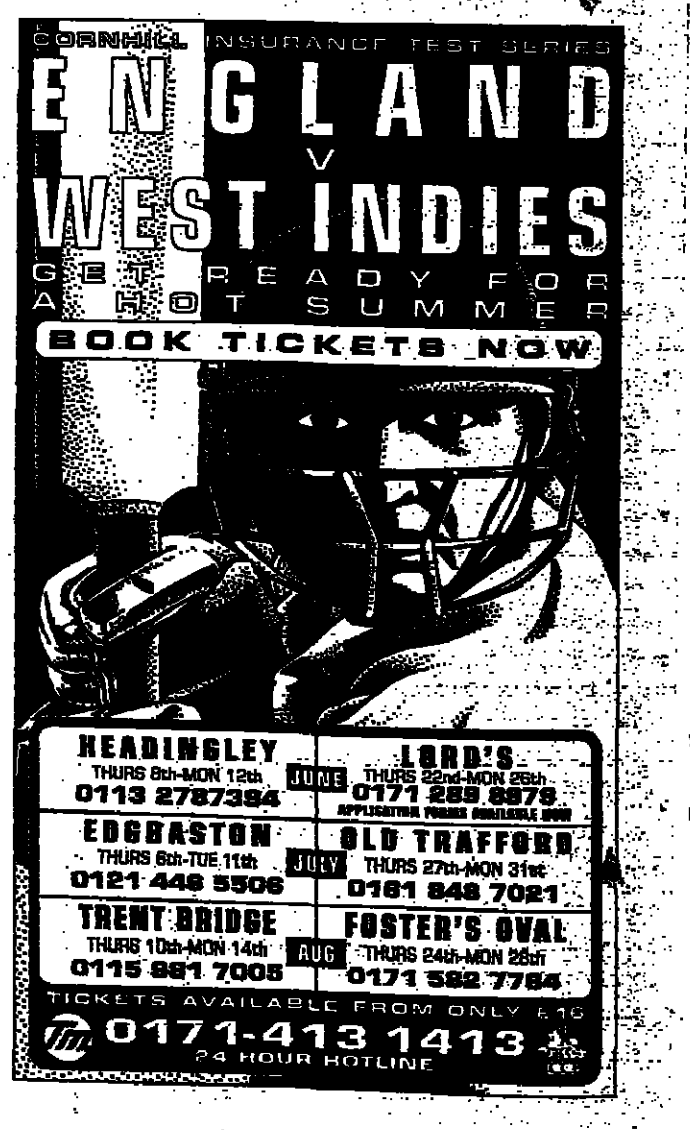
Team	Ch'ship	Univ v county	WI tour	Aus A tour	Other	Total
Cambridge Univ.	0	7	0	0	1	8
Derbyshire	17	1	1†	1	0	20
Durham	17	1	1	0	0	19
England	0	0	6	0	0	6
Essex	17	1	1	0	0	19
Glamorgan	17	1	1†	1	0	20
Gloucestershire	17	1	1	0	0	19
Hampshire	17	1	1†	1	0	20
Kent	17	1	1	0	0	19
Lancashire	17	1	1†	0	1	20
Leicestershire	17	1	1†	1	0	20
Middlesex	17	2	1	0	0	20
Northants	17	0	1	0	0	18
Nottinghamshire	17	2	0	0	0	19
Oxford Univ	*0*	9	0	0	1	10
Somerset	17	0	1	1	0	19
Surrey	17	0	0	0	1	18
Sussex	17	0	1	1	0	19
Warwickshire	17	1	1†	0	1	20
West Indians	0	0	20	0	0	20
Worcestershire	17	1	1	1	0	20
Yorkshire	17	1	1	0	1	20

† fixture may be awarded to another county
☐ The West Indians' total includes six Test matches v England

FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES IN 1994 SEASON FOR THE FANTASY FIRST XI PLAYERS

Name	M	I	Runs	Avg	O	R	W	Avg	Ct/s
C J Adams	18	32	969	33.41	30	114	3	38.00	—
J C Adams	18	32	950	35.18	340.5	720	23	31.30	—
J A Afford	15	17	36	3.27	541.3	1376	40	34.40	—
M W Alleyne	20	37	1184	32.88	351.3	1103	41	26.90	—
C E L Ambrose	14	16	257	18.35	540	1113	77	14.45	—
S J W Andrew	6	8	37	5.28	150.3	425	9	47.22	—
G F Archer	16	26	878	33.76	—				—
K L T Arthurton	1	1	60	60.00	—				—
Asif Din	3	4	107	35.66	2	9	0	—	—
M A Atherton	16	27	899	35.96	7	10	0	—	—
C W J Athey	18	34	1022	30.96	18	78	1	78.00	—
I D Austin	11	16	386	25.73	251.5	662	33	20.06	—
A N Aymes	19	32	697	24.03	—				36/4
R J Bailey	18	33	1214	43.35	166.1	568	11	51.63	—
P Bainbridge	18	31	660	22.00	315.4	1082	14	77.28	—
M C J Ball	17	28	468	18.72	325.3	955	21	45.47	—
A A Barnett	6	5	14	3.50	191.4	627	10	62.70	—
K J Barnett	15	24	847	38.50	54.2	173	13	13.30	—
S R Barwick	12	16	35	3.50	549.4	1131	36	31.41	—
S J Base	8	12	160	14.54	199	782	23	34.00	—
J D Batty	3	6	78	78.00	77.4	259	6	43.16	—
J E Benjamin	16	17	143	9.25	591.2	1658	80	20.72	—
K C Benjamin	1	0	0	0.00	15	53	0	—	—
W K Benjamin	9	14	231	17.76	261	585	24	24.37	—
M R Benson	16	28	737	27.29				—	—
D J Bicknell	18	30	1354	52.07	1	1	0	—	—
M P Bicknell	9	11	140	15.55	319.4	977	29	33.68	—
R J Blakey	30	36	1236	45.77					65/4
J Boiling	6	6	75	18.75	107	237	6	39.50	—
T J Boon	16	28	606	23.30	—				—
J N B Bovill	6	9	35	8.75	119.4	421	14	30.07	—
P D Bowler	13	23	546	23.73	1	17	0	—	—
N E Briers	19	35	1216	38.00	—				—
J E Brinkley	10	10	16	2.00	233	779	18	43.27	—
M Broadhurst	1	1	6	6.00	11	52	1	52.00	—
A D Brown	17	24	1049	47.58	15	47	0	—	—
K R Brown	20	25	639	39.93	—				55/1
S J E Brown	19	25	268	17.86	578.5	2108	75	28.10	—
M A Butcher	12	19	613	36.05	206.4	670	16	41.87	—
D Byas	20	36	1297	37.05	16	52	2	26.00	—
A R Caddick	12	18	219	13.68	373.1	1186	51	23.25	—
J D Carr	20	27	1542	90.70	—				—
G Chapple	15	21	150	15.00	458.4	1474	55	26.80	—
J H Childs	15	17	96	19.20	464.5	1254	39	32.15	—
M J Church	3	5	65	13.00	1	4	0	—	—
C A Connor	15	22	215	11.31	574.4	1764	72	24.50	—
N G B Cook	11	12	98	8.90	283.3	715	17	42.05	—
K E Cooper	12	16	84	12.00	418.2	1095	38	28.81	—
D G Cork	13	21	507	24.14	329.1	1112	37	30.05	—
P A Cottey	19	33	1393	51.59	24.4	106	2	53.00	—
D M Cousins	4	5	24	4.80	112	337	13	25.92	—
N G Cowans	12	15	51	5.66	349.3	986	26	37.92	—
G R Cowdrey	10	18	470	31.35	0.2	4	0	—	—
D M Cox	3	4	32	10.66	74.5	345	1	345.00	—
J P Crawley	20	34	1570	50.64	1	4	0	—	—
R D B Croft	19	25	600	26.08	715.3	2166	41	52.82	—
W J Cronje	13	20	661	34.78	159.5	395	13	30.38	—
D J Cullinan	9	14	428	38.90	—				—
K M Curran	15	25	973	48.65	423.5	1463	31	47.19	—
T S Curtis	18	32	960	30.96	8	43	0	—	—
A Dale	18	29	711	25.39	277	975	23	42.39	—
J A Daley	10	18	513	32.06	2	9	0	—	—
R P Davis	12	9	131	18.71	341	986	31	31.80	—
R I Dawson	16	30	1112	42.76	30	73	2	36.50	—
P A J DeFreitas	14	21	545	28.68	530	1621	65	24.93	—
M Dimond	3	2	34	34.00	55.3	216	5	43.20	—
A A Donald	8	8	68	22.66	212.2	775	25	31.00	—
M P Dowman	3	5	111	22.20	12	45	0	—	—
M A Ealham	15	25	638	26.58	265.4	762	27	28.22	—
S C Ecclestone	13	19	334	22.26	298.3	825	22	37.50	—
J E Emburey	15	19	203	14.50	674	1514	59	25.66	—
K P Evans	16	21	514	30.23	411.5	1141	38	30.02	—
N H Fairbrother	12	22	1002	50.10	1	3	0	—	—
M A Feltham	13	16	256	17.06	382.3	1140	34	33.52	—
M G Field-Buss	8	9	72	14.40	245.1	540	12	45.00	—
M V Fleming	16	29	810	28.92	239.5	746	9	82.88	—
D P J Flint	3	2	8	8.00	43	129	1	129.00	—
A Fordham	11	20	844	44.42	—				—
M J Foster	4	6	159	31.80	37.5	100	3	33.33	—
A R C Fraser	14	15	80	5.71	532.5	1343	50	26.86	—
J E R Gallian	12	20	874	43.70	95	368	10	36.80	—
M A Garnham	18	30	542	21.68	—				33/5
M W Gatting	19	27	1671	69.62	26	97	2	48.50	—
O D Gibson	20	31	710	26.29	579.4	2169	60	36.15	—
E S H Giddins	17	22	83	4.61	450.4	1463	60	24.38	—
G A Gooch	17	29	1747	64.70	31.3	60	3	20.00	—
D Gough	13	19	355	22.18	479.2	1526	62	24.61	—
A P Grayson	19	31	1046	36.74	103.3	236	8	29.50	—
K Greenfield	1	2	61	—	16	76	0	—	—
F A Griffith	3	5	123	30.75	67.4	210	8	26.25	—
J W Hall	14	27	789	29.22	—				—
T H C Hancock	20	37	920	25.55	47	207	3	69.00	—
R J Harden	18	31	1061	40.80	—				—
P J Hartley	16	23	343	17.15	562.1	1701	61	27.88	—
A N Hayhurst	18	30	1250	52.08	87.3	265	9	29.44	—
G R Haynes	20	32	1021	34.03	108.3	319	7	45.57	—
D W Headley	9	13	134	16.75	295.3	989	36	27.47	—
W K Hegg	19	30	518	19.92	—				46/3
E E Hemmings	14	24	88	7.33	422	959	33	29.06	—
D L Hemp	21	38	1452	42.70	8	41	0	—	—
G A Hick	17	29	1538	54.92	173.2	462	11	42.30	—
J E Hindson	4	3	20	6.66	106	344	8	43.00	—
G D Hodgson	9	16	367	24.46	—				—
A J Hollioake	17	23	722	36.10	264.1	958	26	36.24	—
C L Hooper	16	29	1579	54.44	414.1	1055	29	36.37	—
J G Hughes	4	6	47	7.83	137.2	428	14	30.57	—
N Hussain	19	31	922	31.79	1	7	0	—	—
S Hutton	14	24	662	30.09	—				—
A P Igglesden	11	16	61	7.62	316.1	929	24	38.70	—
R K Illingworth	20	25	438	23.05	679	1499	49	30.59	—
M C Ilott	14	16	194	17.63	497.5	1391	59	23.57	—
R C Irani	18	29	965	41.95	249.4	834	28	29.78	—
K D James	13	22	417	20.85	280.1	900	26	34.61	—
S P James	16	28	877	38.13	—				—
P W Jarvis	17	27	347	16.52	496.2	1773	51	34.76	—
P Johnson	17	29	1170	43.33	—				—
R L Johnson	11	13	205	20.50	350.4	1059	40	26.47	—
M Keech	5	9	141	15.66	9.3	39	0	—	—
G Keedy	1	1	1	1.00	—				—
S A Kellett	9	16	266	16.62	—				—
N M Kendrick	7	11	112	12.44	185.3	606	9	67.33	—
G J Kersey	7	11	127	14.11	—				16/2
N V Knight	12	21	944	47.20	11.4	61	1	61.00	—
K M Krikken	15	27	426	25.05	—				26/2
A J Lamb	15	22	908	43.23	—				—
S R Lampitt	17	26	624	29.71	512.4	1484	64	23.18	—
B C Lara	15	25	2066	89.82	21	112	0	—	—
W Larkins	16	27	976	40.66	5	39	0	—	—
M N Lathwell	18	32	1220	33.67	29	119	3	39.66	—
D A Leatherdale	17	25	987	44.86	108.1	339	5	67.80	—
R P Lefebvre	12	14	240	21.81	365.2	896	25	35.84	—
N J Lenham	14	27	809	31.11	9	24	0	—	—
C C Lewis	12	19	881	58.73	345.2	1082	46	23.52	—
J J B Lewis	16	23	751	28.88	8	32	0	—	—
J D Lewry	4	6	14	7.00	96	315	7	45.00	—
N J Llong	7	11	209	19.00	41.3	113	6	19.83	—
G D Lloyd	16	27	684	29.50	—				—
J I Longley	14	25	594	25.82	—				—
M B Loye	15	25	914	39.73	—				—
S Lugsden	5	5	2	0.66	105.2	412	3	137.33	—
M A Lynch	4	7	238	39.66	10	35	0	—	—
G I Macmillan	10	17	395	28.21	94	324	7	46.28	—
D E Malcolm	15	22	89	6.84	551.3	2015	69	29.20	—
N A Mallender	8	12	270	30.00	193.3	602	16	37.62	—
S A Marsh	19	31	807	32.28	—				69/5
P J Martin	18	27	383	15.95	614.4	1580	54	29.25	—
R J Maru	9	15	207	18.81	254.1	621	15	41.40	—
M P Maynard	16	25	874	36.07	1	10	0	—	—
M J McCague	10	15	285	21.92	341.1	1084	57	19.01	—
A A Metcalfe	2	4	15	3.75	—				—
C P Metson	18	22	398	22.11	—				54/7
T C Middleton	13	23	524	26.20	—				—
G W Mike	17	26	365	15.86	405.5	1422	45	31.60	—
D J Millns	19	27	348	20.47	532	1901	76	25.01	—
A J Moles	11	20	655	50.76	—				—
R Montgomerie	19	34	1062	34.25	4	28	0	—	—
T M Moody	18	25	1160	46.40	195	572	15	38.13	—
P Moores	18	32	768	25.52	—				61/1
H Morris	16	31	865	30.51	—				—
J E Morris	20	35	1433	42.14	27.5	125	1	125.00	—
R S M Morris	9	17	686	49.00	—				—
M D Moxon	17	30	1458	56.07	—				—
A D Mullally	14	19	114	7.60	448.1	1255	33	38.03	—
T A Munton	15	17	106	10.60	699.4	1746	81	21.58	—
Mushtaq Ahmed	9	14	168	15.27	404	1196	45	26.57	—
D J Nash	8	11	177	35.40	228.4	775	25	31.00	—
P J Newport	17	24	345	18.15	516.2	1654	53	31.20	—
M C J Nicholas	19	32	1182	45.46	4	7	0	—	—
P A Nixon	19	30	1046	38.74	—				60/2
W M Noon	18	30	617	25.70	—				38/5
T J G O'Gorman	16	28	872	33.53	0.5	8	0	—	—
D P Ostler	19	29	1161	43.00	1.1	13	0	—	—
B Parker	10	18	578	36.12	—				—
G J Parsons	16	25	491	25.84	462.2	1208	44	27.45	—
M M Patel	15	27	256	10.24	811.2	2058	90	22.86	—
R M Pearson	3	4	45	11.25	74.4	226	4	56.50	—
A L Penberthy	17	25	658	32.90	400.1	1374	37	37.13	—
D B Pennett	1	0	0	0	3	9	0	—	—
T L Penney	16	24	798	38.00	—				—
R A Pick	16	22	227	15.13	507.2	1413	54	26.16	—
A R K Pierson	15	20	334	22.26	500.4	1267	37	34.24	—
A C S Pigott	6	11	150	14.54	268.3	737	29	25.41	—
V Pike	9	12	114	14.25	189	578	20	28.90	—
K J Piper	17	24	454	22.70	—				61/5
P R Pollard	18	31	905	30.16	2	20	1	20.00	—
J C Pooley	3	4	77	19.25	—				—
P J Prichard	11	17	569	37.93	1	11	0	—	—
N V Radford	15	20	161	10.06	459.1	1408	39	36.10	—
T A Radford	1	1	4	4.00	—				—
M R Ramprakash	16	28	1271	52.95	2	6	0	—	—
J D Ratcliffe	3	5	87	17.40	—				—
D A Reeve	9	10	116	12.88	144	308	10	30.80	—
S J Rhodes	18	27	896	56.00	—				58/8
R B Richardson	9	16	551	34.43	—				—
D Ripley	16	23	263	18.78	—				40/6
A R Roberts	9	12	261	32.62	242	870	17	51.17	—
D D J Robinson	1	1	38	38.00	—				—
M A Robinson	15	23	56	3.85	619	1658	45	36.84	—
P E Robinson	5	7	305	43.57	—				—
R T Robinson	19	31	1276	42.53	2.1	31	1	31.00	—
A S Rollins	16	29	708	26.22	4	32	0	—	—
G D Rose	15	24	548	24.90	344.1	1136	44	25.81	—
M A Roseberry	20	32	1097	36.56	1	5	0	—	—
R C Russell	19	34	301	34.65	—				58/1
I D K Salisbury	16	25	231	17.42	474	1336	48	27.83	—
N F Sargeant	9	13	166	15.09	—				18/0
M Saxelby	17	32	1102	34.43	—				—
C W Scott	20	33	670	22.33	—				58/2
N Shahid	10	18	326	23.28	30	108	3	36.33	—
K J Shine	13	8	39	13.00	332.4	1156	29	39.86	—
C E Silverwood	9	15	127	10.58	249	883	27	32.70	—
G C Small	11	10	78	8.66	339	946	36	26.27	—
A M Smith	12	14	162	13.50	298.3	1004	32	31.37	—
A W Smith	14	21	524	32.75	374	1340	28	47.85	—
B F Smith	14	23	828	31.40	—				—
N M K Smith	18	21	435	25.58	582	1693	49	34.55	—
P A Smith	12	17	363	25.92	182	594	18	33.00	—
R A Smith	17	29	1263	43.55	—				—
N J Speak	19	34	1304	46.57	1	12	0	—	—
M P Speight	17	29	991	34.17	—				—
I G Steer	3	3	142	71.00	2	12	0	—	—
R D Stemp	20	28	263	10.11	669.1	1493	49	30.46	—
F D Stephenson	17	28	752	27.85	480.5	1345	67	20.07	—
J P Stephenson	16	27	535	20.57	332	1066	26	41.00	—
A J Stewart	16	23	936	46.80	2	10	0	—	—
P M Such	20	23	167	7.95	670	1757	57	30.82	—
J P Taylor	13	14	68	9.71	333.4	1141	36	31.69	—
N R Taylor	16	27	1049	43.70	—				—
V P Terry	19	34	1286	38.96	—				—
S D Thomas	1	1	15	—	30	108	3	36.00	—
G P Thorpe	16	25	1136	54.09	5	23	0	—	—
M J Thursfield	9	12	106	9.63	163	524	17	30.82	—
S P Titchard	13	21	549	26.14	—				—
C M Tolley	7	11	180	22.50	149	486	8	60.75	—
M E Trescothick	11	20	924	48.63	—				—
H R J Trump	14	20	276	17.25	268.4	873	26	33.57	—
P C R Tufnell	9	6	14	2.80	463.5	1107	39	28.38	—
R J Turner	18	27	537	24.40	46/6				—
R G Twose	18	31	1411	54.26	190.5	544	15	36.26	—
S D Udal	17	30	684	28.30	678	1872	69	27.13	—
A P van Troost	14	18	108	9.00	345.5	1329	35	37.97	—
M P Vaughan	16	30	1066	36.75	228.3	678	14	48.42	—
M J Walker	5	7	239	34.14	—				—
C A Walsh	15	24	274	15.22	508.1	1535	89	17.24	—
D M Ward	16	22	921	43.85	—				—
T R Ward	19	33	1368	42.75	—				—
A E Warner	10	15	96	8.00	258	817	19	43.00	—
R J Warren	12	21	566	29.78	—				—
Wasim Akram	6	10	244	24.40	213.2	646	27	23.92	—
S L Watkin	18	21	92	9.20	613.4	1708	55	31.05	—
M Watkinson	18	28	889	34.19	631.1	1823	63	28.93	—
P N Weekes	16	21	646	34.10	484.4	1383	41	33.73	—
G Welch	12	15	446	37.16	287	970	22	44.09	—
A P Wells	19	35	909	29.32	14	75	1	75.00	—
C M Wells	11	20	303	16.83	153.3	469	13	36.07	—
V J Wells	16	28	871	36.29	301.5	1053	42	25.07	—
W P C Weston	17	28	818	30.29	21	85	0	—	—
J J Whitaker	18	32	958	31.93	—				—
P R Whitaker	2	3	134	44.66	0.1	4	0	—	—
C White	13	20	663	36.83	235.2	761	33	23.06	—
G W White	11	20	467	24.57	5	13	0	—	—
N F Williams	10	9	134	26.80	326	1088	26	41.84	—
R C Williams	10	14	171	14.25	245.5	856	26	32.92	—
M G N Windows	11	21	730	34.76	—				—
J Wood	15	22	194	10.21	345.4	1501	45	33.35	—
A J Wright	19	36	1202	36.42	—				—
G Yates	13	30	272	20.92	320.5	1013	37	27.37	—
R S Yeabsley	6	3	53	26.50	174.4	567	21	27.00	—

Source: TCCB/PA Cricket Record



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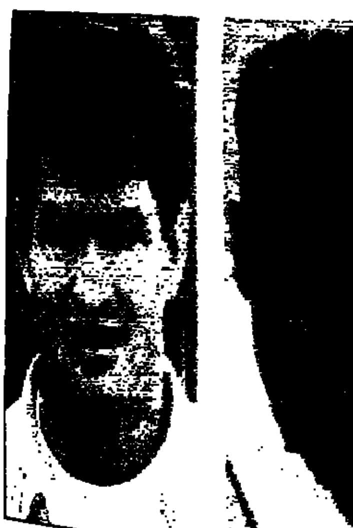

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Pick your Fantasy First XI and win £10,000

Our new, improved cricket game offers you the chance to add to your enjoyment of the season and put your selection skills to the test

THE cricket season is underway and *The Times* game has begun with it, bigger and better than before, with the chance to win £250 a week during the season and, for the best performance of the summer, a top prize of £10,000.

In association with Company Barclaycard, the United Kingdom's leading corporate charge card, we have renewed our exclusive arrangement with the Test and County Cricket Board to present *The Times* Fantasy First XI. The great strengths of last year's game, First Class XI, have been preserved. It is up to you to select the team you think will sweep the board. Every first-class run your players score and every first-class wicket they take will count towards your total. There are no artificial additives, no handicaps, no ratings, no transfer fees, just a test of your selection skills and your eye for first-class talent.

But we have introduced some big improvements. We have simplified the rules, deepened the pool of players and introduced the chance to change your team during the season.

We have added the West Indies touring party to our list of overseas players, making the likes of Brian Lara, Jimmy Adams, Courtney Walsh and Curtly Ambrose available for selection. We have dispensed with the captains' category and replaced the reserve system with a transfer season.

Starting on May 4, we will carry the full list of players' first-class scores and the names of the top 100 entries every Thursday, but, for the first time, we are also providing a Fantasy First XI hotline, so you can check your team's progress when it suits you.

This year, there is a new service designed to enable groups of players at home or at work to measure their selection skills against each other by forming a mini-league. You will also be able to enter an office team and try to win the Company Barclaycard League. Full details of these services will be published next week.

The rules are simple:

1) Select five batsmen.
2) Select one all-rounder.
3) Select one wicketkeeper.
4) Select four bowlers.
5) Your Fantasy First XI must include one (and no more than one) overseas player.
6) Your Fantasy First XI must include one (and no more than one) rising star.

All players must be selected according to the categories published here (for example a player such as Graeme Hick, listed here as an all-rounder, may only be selected as an all-rounder, not as a batsman; Phillip DeFreitas is listed here as an all-rounder — he may not be selected as a bowler).

There will be a seven-day transfer season (July 12-18, when no first-class cricket is due to be played), during which you will be able to change up to four members of your team, although your final XI must still conform to the six rules above. You do not have to change your team at all, but, if you choose to, you will receive the points scored by your original selection up to July 12 and those scored by the revised selection from the moment first-class play resumes on July 18.

Apart from these transfers, no changes will be allowed. No substitutions can be made, so it is worth bearing in mind the injury records of the players available. If a player is not playing first-class cricket, then he is not scoring in the Fantasy First XI.

Scoring: you score according to the performance of your players. For every run each of your XI scores, you will receive one point. For each wicket they take, you will receive 20 points. For each dismissal (catch or stumping) your wicketkeeper makes, you will receive 20 points. Catches taken by other fielders will not count. The object of the game is to select the team which will score the most points in the course of the season.

In the event of a tie, the scores of the rising star will be decisive. If another tie-break is necessary, its form will be decided by *The Times* Fantasy First XI panel.

Fixtures: *The Times* Fantasy First XI season runs from April 13 until September 18 but the deadline for entries is noon, April 27. Postal entries must be received by April 27. Only first-class matches, as designated by the Test and County Cricket Board, throughout the season (including those played before the closing date for entries to this competition) will count. One-day games do not count.

As last year, you can enter by phone or by post. Phone calls will be charged at 39 per minute cheap rate, 49p per minute at other times. An average call should last no more than six minutes.

Please note that postal entries must be accompanied by a fee of £2.50, and cheques should be made payable to *The Times* Fantasy First XI.

England regulars may not provide the most points

By Simon Wilde

CHOOSING a team for the Fantasy First XI competition involves many delicate decisions. If your first-choice players are affected by injuries and dramatic losses of form, there will be nothing you can do about replacing them until the transfer period arrives in mid-July. But there are ways in which you can enhance the prospects of your side from the outset.

One is to think carefully before choosing any player who might be called on regularly by England, who are involved in a Texaco Trophy series and six Cornhill Test matches against West Indies. The Texaco Trophy will deprive all the England players except those from Surrey of one first-class match for their counties — and their performances in the three one-day internationals will not, of course, count towards the Fantasy First XI game.

And, while runs scored, wickets taken and wicketkeeping dismissals accomplished in the Test matches *will* count, these will be all the harder to come by against the might of West Indies. Graham Gooch and Mike Gatting, who have retired from international cricket and might be expected to have heavily in the less fierce environment of county cricket, could well be more productive selections than, say, Michael Atherton and Darren Gough, who will miss seven and six championship matches respectively if they play in every England international.

Other shrewd selections might be those players who spend the summer pushing to regain their England places — players, perhaps, such as Robin Smith, Andrew Caddick and Martin McCague.

Another delicate decision is the choice of overseas player. Thirteen players are listed below who are expected to be included in the West Indies tour party, which will not be announced until later this month. They offer some valuable options, such as Brian Lara, Jimmy Adams, Courtney Walsh and Curtly Ambrose, but it should be borne in mind that the West Indians' 14 first-class matches outside the Test matches may be used partly as preparation for the internationals.

An alternative is to select one of the overseas players attached to first-class counties. Seventeen such cricketers are listed below. Surrey, the eighteenth county, having not yet confirmed their choice in the wake of Waqar Younis's injury problems.

It should be noted that a number of overseas county players will not join their teams until after the season has begun and will miss fixtures as a result. Manoj Prabhakar, who helped India win the Asia Cup in Sharjah last week, missed Durham's opening match with Oxford University and Mark Waugh, who is touring the Caribbean with Australia, will not join Essex until May 16. By then, his county will have completed championship matches against Leicestershire and Worcestershire and a three-day fixture with Cambridge University.

Otis Gibson, Glamorgan's nominated overseas player, will not learn until April 21 whether he will be playing for them or touring with West Indies. If he is available to Glamorgan, he will join them in time for the start of their championship campaign but will have missed the county's match against Oxford University.

Aravinda de Silva, of Kent, Mushtaq Ahmed, of Somerset, and Wasim Akram, of Lancashire, may all leave their counties early to take part in a Test series between Pakistan and Sri Lanka scheduled for September.

A number of county cricketers may be taken away from their counties to play for England Under-19, who meet their South African counterparts in two one-day internationals and three Test matches between July 1 and August 13. Most prominent among these will be Marcus Trescothick, the England Under-19 captain, who will miss three championship matches for Somerset as a result. Under-19 matches are not first-class.

Neither Tom Moody, of Worcestershire, nor Michael Bevan, of Yorkshire, will be chosen for the Australia A party that will tour England and Wales in July and August. The Australia A players will be ineligible for the game.

Two Oxford University players who join counties after the University match finishes on July 7 have been included: Gregor Macmillan, a batsman, will be added to Leicestershire's staff, and Richard Yeabsley will supplement Middlesex's bowling strength. Yeabsley's appearances for Oxford, though, may be restricted by examination demands.

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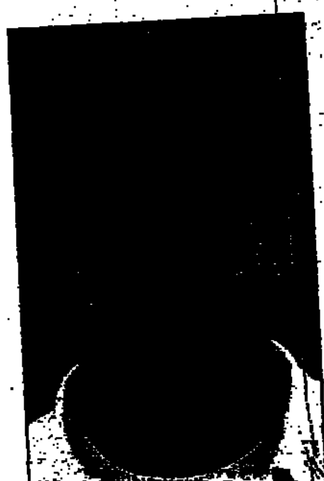
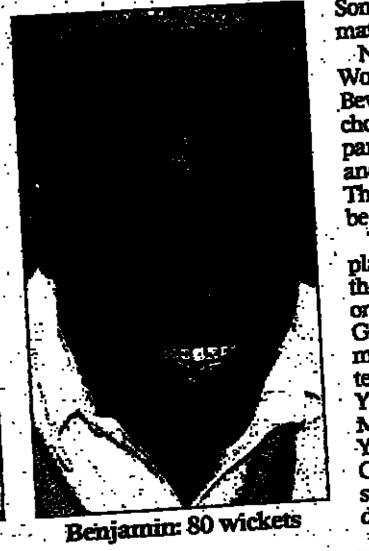

Hick: 1,538 runs in 1994


Benjamin: 80 wickets

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SELECT A TEAM TO BEAT THE BEST

There are six basic rules:

1) You must select five batsmen
2) You must select one all-rounder
3) You must select one wicketkeeper
4) You must select four bowlers
5) Your XI must include one (and no more than one) overseas player
6) Your XI must include one (and no more than one) rising star

All players must be selected according to the categories published below. Only matches designated first-class by the TCCB will count

① In this section please enter the five batsmen you have selected from the list below. You may only pick players listed (001-123) as batsmen. You may pick any number of players from any county but remember you may only select one overseas player and one rising star in your whole team. Every run your batsmen make and every wicket they take will count towards your team's total

② Please enter your selected all-rounder, who must be drawn from numbers 124-165, in this section

③ Your wicketkeeper (from numbers 166-185) will score with each run and each catch or stumping

④ In this section please enter the four bowlers you have selected from the list below. You may only pick players listed (186-287) as bowlers. Again, remember you may only select one overseas player and one rising star in your whole team. Every wicket your bowlers take and every run they make will count towards your total

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For every run each of your XI scores, you will receive one point. For each wicket they take, you will receive 20 points. For each wicketkeeping dismissal (catch or stumping) your wicketkeeper makes, you will receive 20 points. Catches taken by other fielders will not count. The object of the game is to select the team which will score the most points in the course of the season.

How to enter by phone or post

THE 24-hour telephone lines are open now and close at noon on Thursday April 27, the day the Britannic Assurance County Championship begins. Runs scored and wickets taken in the first-class games before that date *will* count in Fantasy First XI. But beware the last-minute rush.

When you have selected your team, check what type of telephone you are using. You must have a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) to enter. You **cannot** enter using a rotary dial or "pulse" telephone. Once you have found a Touch-tone telephone, you can enter by dialling **0891 700565**.

Then follow the step-by-step instructions. The recorded message will ask you to key in the full set of selections (player reference numbers) for each of your 11 chosen players in the following order: the five batsmen, the all-rounder, the wicketkeeper, the bowlers.

Make sure you have picked one overseas player and one rising star in your team. An incorrect entry will be void.

You will then be asked to give the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) and to record your name, address and daytime phone number. Finally, you will be given a ten-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN). Please be patient. You have plenty of time to make your entry. Use *The Times* Fantasy First XI bat to record your selections and your PIN.

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Competitors may give their teams any name of up to 16 characters. If a name is considered to be in poor taste by the panel, or if that name has been taken, the competitor's surname will be used.

Readers wishing to enter by post should complete their Fantasy First XI bat and send it (photocopies are not acceptable) with a cheque or postal order for £2.50 to *The Times* Fantasy First XI, Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire LU2 0NS. Cheques should be made payable to *The Times* Fantasy First XI.

All entries, whether by telephone or post, will be acknowledged. Queries should be made direct to Abacus on 01582 457444, quoting *The Times* Fantasy First XI.

FANTASY FIRST XI PLAYERS

Batsmen (001-123)

Pick five players from this category

001 C J Adams (Derbyshire)
002 J C Adams (West Indians)
003 G F Archer (Nottinghamshire)
004 K L T Arthurton (West Indians)
005 Asif Din (Warwickshire)
006 M A Atherton (Lancashire)
007 C W J Athey (Sussex)
008 R J Bailey (Northamptonshire)
009 K J Barnett (Derbyshire)
010 M R Benson (Kent)
011 M G Bevan (Yorkshire)
012 D J Bicknell (Surrey)
013 T J Boon (Leicestershire)
014 P D Bowler (Somerset)
015 N E Briers (Leicestershire)
016 A D Brown (Surrey)
017 D Byas (Yorkshire)
018 S L Campbell (West Indians)
019 J D Carr (Middlesex)
020 S Chanderpaul (West Indians)
021 M Church (Worcestershire)
022 P A Cottey (Glamorgan)
023 G R Cowdrey (Kent)
024 J P Crawley (Lancashire)
025 W J Cronje (Leicestershire)
026 D J Cullinan (Derbyshire)
027 T S Curtis (Worcestershire)
028 J A Daley (Durham)
029 R I Dawson (Gloucestershire)
030 P A de Silva (Kent)
031 M P Dowman (Nottinghamshire)
032 N H Fairbrother (Lancashire)
033 A Fordham (Northamptonshire)
034 J E R Gallian (Lancashire)
035 M W Gatting (Middlesex)
036 G A Gooch (Essex)
037 A P Grayson (Yorkshire)
038 K Greenfield (Sussex)
039 J W Hall (Sussex)
040 T H C Hancock (Gloucestershire)
041 R J Harden (Somerset)
042 A N Hayhurst (Somerset)
043 G R Haynes (Worcestershire)
044 D L Hemp (Glamorgan)
045 G D Hodgson (Gloucestershire)
046 A J Hollioake (Surrey)
047 N Hussain (Essex)
048 * S Hutton (Durham)
049 S P James (Glamorgan)
050 P Johnson (Nottinghamshire)
051 M Keech (Hampshire)
052 S A Kellett (Yorkshire)
053 N V Knight (Warwickshire)
054 A J Lamb (Northamptonshire)
055 B C Lara (West Indians)
056 M N Lathwell (Somerset)
057 W Larkins (Durham)
058 D A Leatherdale (Worcestershire)
059 N J Lenham (Sussex)
060 J J B Lewis (Essex)
061 N J Llong (Kent)
062 G D Lloyd (Lancashire)
063 J I Longley (Durham)
064 M B Loye (Northamptonshire)
065 M A Lynch (Gloucestershire)
066 G I Macmillan (Oxford Univ and Leicestershire)
067 M P Maynard (Glamorgan)
068 A A Metcalfe (Yorkshire)
069 T C Middleton (Hampshire)
070 A J Moles (Warwickshire)
071 * R R Montgomerie (Northamptonshire)
072 T M Moody (Worcestershire)
073 H Morris (Glamorgan)
074 J E Morris (Durham)
075 R S M Morris (Hampshire)
076 M D Moxon (Yorkshire)
077 M C J Nicholas (Hampshire)
078 T J G O'Gorman (Derbyshire)
079 D P Ostler (Warwickshire)
080 B Parker (Yorkshire)
081 T L Penney (Warwickshire)
082 P R Pollard (Nottinghamshire)
083 J C Pooley (Middlesex)
084 P J Prichard (Essex)
085 M R Ramprakash (Middlesex)
086 T A Radford (Middlesex)
087 J D Ratcliffe (Surrey)
088 R B Richardson (West Indians)
089 D D J Robinson (Essex)
090 P E Robinson (Leicestershire)
091 R T Robinson (Nottinghamshire)
092 * A S Rollins (Derbyshire)
093 M A Roseberry (Durham)
094 * D Sales (Northamptonshire)
095 M Saxelby (Durham)
096 N Shahid (Surrey)
097 A Singh (Warwickshire)
098 B F Smith (Leicestershire)
099 R A Smith (Hampshire)
100 N J Speak (Lancashire)
101 M P Speight (Sussex)
102 A J Stewart (Surrey)
103 A Symonds (Gloucestershire)
104 N R Taylor (Kent)
105 V P Terry (Hampshire)
106 G P Thorpe (Surrey)
107 S P Titchard (Lancashire)
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110 M P Vaughan (Yorkshire)
111 * M J Walker (Kent)
112 D M Ward (Surrey)
113 T R Ward (Kent)
114 R J Warren (Northamptonshire)
115 M E Waugh (Essex)
116 A P Wells (Sussex)
117 W P C Weston (Worcestershire)
118 G W White (Hampshire)
119 J J Whitaker (Leicestershire)
120 P R Whitaker (Hampshire)
121 S C Williams (West Indians)
122 * M G N Windows (Gloucestershire)
123 A J Wright (Gloucestershire)

All-rounders (124-165)

Pick one player from this category

124 M W Alleyne (Gloucestershire)
125 I D Austin (Lancashire)
126 P Bainbridge (Durham)
127 * M A Butcher (Surrey)
128 C L Cairns (Nottinghamshire)
129 D G Cork (Derbyshire)
130 R D B Croft (Glamorgan)
131 K M Curran (Northamptonshire)
132 A Dale (Glamorgan)
133 P A J DeFreitas (Derbyshire)
134 * S C Ecclestone (Somerset)
135 K P Evans (Nottinghamshire)
136 M V Fleming (Kent)
137 O D Gibson (Glamorgan)
138 G A Hick (Worcestershire)
139 C L Hooper (West Indians)
140 R C Irani (Essex)
141 K D James (Hampshire)
142 S R Lampitt (Worcestershire)
143 C C Lewis (Nottinghamshire)
144 G W Mike (Nottinghamshire)
145 Mushtaq Ahmed (Somerset)
146 D J Nash (Middlesex)
147 A L Penberthy (Northamptonshire)
148 M Prabhakar (Durham)
149 D A Reeve (Warwickshire)
150 G D Rose (Somerset)
151 A W Smith (Surrey)
152 N M K Smith (Warwickshire)
153 P A Smith (Warwickshire)
154 J N Snape (Northamptonshire)
155 F D Stephenson (Sussex)
156 J P Stephenson (Hampshire)
157 C M Tolley (Worcestershire)
158 S D Udal (Hampshire)
159 Wasim Akram (Lancashire)
160 M Watkinson (Lancashire)
161 G Welch (Warwickshire)
162 C M Wells (Derbyshire)
163 V J Wells (Leicestershire)
164 P N Weekes (Middlesex)
165 C White (Yorkshire)

Wicketkeepers (166-185)

Pick one player from this category

166 A N Aymes (Hampshire)
167 R J Blakey (Yorkshire)
168 K R Brown (Middlesex)
169 M A Garnham (Essex)
170 W K Hegg (Lancashire)
171 G J Kersey (Surrey)
172 K M Krikken (Derbyshire)
173 S A Marsh (Kent)
174 C P Metson (Glamorgan)
175 P Moores (Sussex)
176 J R Murray (West Indians)
177 P A Nixon (Leicestershire)
178 W M Noon (Nottinghamshire)
179 K J Piper (Warwickshire)
180 S J Rhodes (Worcestershire)
181 D Ripley (Northamptonshire)
182 R C Russell (Gloucestershire)
183 N F Sergeant (Surrey)
184 C W Scott (Durham)
185 R J Turner (Somerset)

Bowlers (186-287)

Pick four players from this category

186 J A Afford (Nottinghamshire)
187 * U Afzaal (Nottinghamshire)
188 C E L Ambrose (West Indians)
189 S J W Andrew (Essex)
190 M C J Ball (Gloucestershire)
191 A A Barnett (Lancashire)
192 S R Barwick (Glamorgan)
193 S J Base (Derbyshire)
194 J D Batty (Somerset)
195 J E Benjamin (Surrey)
196 K C G Benjamin (West Indians)
197 W K M Benjamin (West Indians)
198 M P Bicknell (Surrey)
199 J Boiling (Durham)
200 * J N B Bovill (Hampshire)
201 J E Brinkley (Worcestershire)
202 M Broadhurst (Nottinghamshire)
203 S J E Brown (Durham)
204 A R Caddick (Somerset)
205 G Chapple (Lancashire)
206 J H Childs (Essex)
207 C A Connor (Hampshire)
208 N G B Cook (Northamptonshire)
209 K E Cooper (Gloucestershire)
210 * D M Cousins (Essex)
211 N G Cowans (Hampshire)
212 D M Cox (Durham)
213 R P Davis (Warwickshire)
214 M Dimond (Somerset)
215 A A Donald (Warwickshire)
216 M A Ealham (Kent)
217 J E Emburey (Middlesex)
218 M Feltham (Middlesex)
219 M G Field-Buss (Nottinghamshire)
220 D P J Flint (Hampshire)
221 M J Foster (Northamptonshire)
222 A R C Fraser (Middlesex)
223 E S H Giddins (Sussex)
224 D Gough (Yorkshire)
225 F A Griffith (Derbyshire)
226 P J Hartley (Yorkshire)
227 D W Headley (Kent)
228 E E Hemmings (Sussex)
229 J E Hindson (Nottinghamshire)
230 J G Hughes (Northamptonshire)
231 A P Igglesden (Kent)
232 R K Illingworth (Worcestershire)
233 M C Ilott (Essex)
234 P W Jarvis (Sussex)
235 R L Johnson (Middlesex)
236 * G Keedy (Lancashire)
237 N M Kendrick (Glamorgan)
238 A Kumble (Northamptonshire)
239 D R Law (Sussex)
240 R P Lefebvre (Glamorgan)
241 * J D Lewry (Sussex)
242 S Lugsden (Durham)
243 M J McCague (Kent)
244 D E Malcolm (Derbyshire)
245 N A Mallender (Northamptonshire)
246 P J Martin (Lancashire)
247 R J Maru (Hampshire)
248 D J Millns (Leicestershire)
249 A D Mullally (Leicestershire)
250 T A Munton (Warwickshire)
251 P J Newport (Worcestershire)
252 G J Parsons (Leicestershire)
253 M M Patel (Kent)
254 R M Pearson (Essex)
255 D B Pennett (Nottinghamshire)
256 R A Pick (Nottinghamshire)
257 A R K Pierson (Leicestershire)
258 A C S Pigott (Surrey)
259 V J Pike (Gloucestershire)
260 N V Radford (Worcestershire)
261 A R Roberts (Northamptonshire)
262 M A Robinson (Yorkshire)
263 I D K Salisbury (Sussex)
264 K J Shine (Middlesex)
265 * C E W Silverwood (Yorkshire)
266 G C Small (Warwickshire)
267 A M Smith (Gloucestershire)
268 * V Solanki (Worcestershire)
269 J Srinath (Gloucestershire)
270 H H Streak (Hampshire)
271 I G S Steer (Derbyshire)
272 R D Stemp (Yorkshire)
273 P M Such (Essex)
274 J P Taylor (Northamptonshire)
275 S D Thomas (Glamorgan)
276 M J Thursfield (Hampshire)
277 H R J Trump (Somerset)
278 P C R Tufnell (Middlesex)
279 A P van Troost (Somerset)
280 C A Walsh (West Indians)
281 A E Warner (Derbyshire)
282 S L Watkin (Glamorgan)
283 N F Williams (Essex)
284 R C Williams (Gloucestershire)
285 J Wood (Durham)
286 G Yates (Lancashire)
287 * R S Yeabsley (Oxford Univ and Middlesex)

Bold type overseas player
* rising star

PICK ONE FROM EACH CATEGORY

You must include in your team one player from each of these two categories

Overseas players

002: J C Adams (batsman)
188: C E L Ambrose (bowler)
004: K L T Arthurton (batsman)
196: K C G Benjamin (bowler)
197: W K M Benjamin (bowler)
011: M G Bevan (batsman)
128: C L Cairns (all-rounder)
018: S L Campbell (batsman)
020: S Chanderpaul (batsman)
025: W J Cronje (batsman)
026: D J Cullinan (batsman)
030: P A de Silva (batsman)
216: A A Donald (bowler)
137: O D Gibson (all-rounder)
139: C L Hooper (all-rounder)
239: A Kumble (bowler)
055: B C Lara (batsman)
072: T M Moody (batsman)
176: J R Murray (wicketkeeper)
145: Mushtaq Ahmed (all-rounder)
146: D J Nash (all-rounder)
148: M Prabhakar (all-rounder)
088: R B Richardson (batsman)
272: J Srinath (bowler)
155: F D Stephenson (all-rounder)
273: H H Streak (bowler)
280: C A Walsh (bowler)
159: Wasim Akram (all-rounder)
115: M E Waugh (batsman)
121: S C Williams (batsman)

Rising stars

187: U Afzaal (bowler)
200: J N B Bovill (bowler)
127: M A Butcher (all-rounder)
210: D M Cousins (bowler)
134: S Ecclestone (all-rounder)
048. S Hutton (batsman)
236: G Keedy (bowler)
241: J D Lewry (bowler)
071: R R Montgomerie (batsman)
092: A S Rollins (batsman)
094: D Sales (batsman)
265: C E W Silverwood (bowler)
268: V Solanki (bowler)
111: M J Walker (batsman)
122 M G N Windows (batsman)
287: R S Yeabsley (bowler)

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4. Entries must consist of 11 players from the published list and must include one overseas player and one rising star. Of your 11, five must be batsmen, one an all-rounder, one a wicketkeeper and four bowlers. No player can be picked twice.
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FOR THE RECORD

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE: Essendon 14.14 (98) bt Melbourne 12.10 (82).

BASEBALL

BRITISH FEDERATION (BBF): National premier leagues: South: Hounslow 9 Bristol 0. Essex 12 Hemel 16; Enfield 5 London 0. North: Humberside 22 Birmingham 18; Humberside 3 Birmingham 19; Nottingham 9 Leeds 0

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Charlotte 93 Atlanta 94; Denver 109 San Antonio 112 (OT). Indiana 114 Minnesota 75; Chicago 111 New York 90; LA Lakers 125 Dallas 111.

BOWLS

DARLINGTON: National mixed pairs: Final: Grantham 19 Croydon 15

CRICKET

ST KITTS: Tour match: Board XI 261 (N H Perry 57 not out, O D Gibson 55, T B A May 4 for 73) Australians 317 (G S Blewett 93, M A Taylor 62, M J Slater 60)

CURLING

MANITOBA: World championships: Final: Canada 4 Scotland 2. Third-place play-off: *Germany 6 United States 5*

CYCLING

MANCHESTER VELODROME TRACK MEETING: Fifty-lap scratch: 1, A Breton (Fr); 2, B Nachtergale (Bel); 3, R Prince (GB). Time: 15:19.65. Keirin final (5 laps): 1, P Sulpice (Fr), 2, Breton; 3, K Boskemper (Holl). Last 200m: 10.887sec. Devil take the Hindmost: A race: 1, L Olsen (Den), 2, J Dhaenens (Bel), 3, J Denekamp (Holl) 7:23.462. B race: 1, S Wingrave (GB), 2, S *Colloby (GB), 3, G Obree (Die Continentale)* 7:41.576. Final: Wingrave bt Olsen. Last 200m: 12.676sec. Olympic sprint: 1, France (V Lequellec, L Accart, P Sulpice) 47.586, 2, Holland (M van Bon, J Denekamp, R Vink), 49.923; 3, Denmark (D Akerstrom, L Olsen, G Hibbert), 51.7. Flying two-up TT: 1, Belgium (W van Rengen and B Nachtergale) 59.661; 2, GB (R Prince and S Wingrave) 1:00.094, 3, Holland (M van Bon and R Vink), 1:00.213.

ROAD RACES: Girvan three-day pro-am, Scotland (fourth stage, 71 miles): 1, R Holden (Ambrosia-Dynatech) 2hr 48min 38sec; 2, *P Longbottom (North Wirral Velo) at 3sec*; 3, C Newton (North Wirral Velo) at 16sec. Final overall positions: 1, P Curran (Optimum Performance RT) 9:33.45, 2, J Tanner (Tritech) at 6sec; 3, M Walsham (Tritech) at 13sec. Newcastle Cheviot Tour of the Border, Northumberland (fourth stage, 64 miles): 1, L Kellett (Bronte Wheelers) 3:05:00; 2, S Gamble (East Midlands Centre of Excellence) at 14sec; 3, J Wright (North East RT) same time. Final overall positions: 1, G Turnbull (North East RT) 11:39:15, 2, D Cook (Middridge CRT) at 1:03; 3, J Wright, at 3:33. Farnborough and Camberley CC (Elstead, Surrey, 86 miles): 1, M Harrison (Congleton CC) 3:37.29; 2, A Masson (Team Energy), 3, S Elms (East Grinstead CC) both same time

EQUESTRIANISM

GOTHENBURG: Volvo World Cup: Final: 1, N Skelton (GB) 7; 2, L Nieberg (Ger) 9, 3, L McNaught-Mandli (Switz) 13, 4, L Beerbaum (Ger) 14.50; 5, M Whitaker (GB) 16.50. Other British: 20, J Whitaker. Third leg: equal 1, Robin Z (P Eriksson, Sweden), Doenhoff (L McNaught-Mandli, Switz), For Pleasure (L Nieberg, Ger), Top Gun La Silla (J Tops, Holland), Orchestre (M Ward, USA) and Everest Dollar Girl (N Skelton), all on four faults. Leading rider of show: M Whitaker

FENCING

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SPORTS CENTRE: Birmingham international: Foil: Men: 1, P Sanders (Holl); 2, G McMahon (Aus), equal 3, C Howarth (GB) and M Bengry (GB). Women: 1, A Ziau (China), 2, W Chen (China), equal 3, E Hall (Aus) and L Harris (GB).

GOLF

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Florida: PGA senior championship: Final scores (US unless stated): 277: R Floyd 70, 70, 67, 70. 282: J P Cain 72, 71, 70, 69; L Gilbert 71, 70, 72, 69; L Trevino 72, 70, 69, 71. 283: G Marsh (Aus) 71, 71, 70, 71, I Aoki (Japan) 70, 69, 73, 71; R Charles (NZ) 70, 75, 68, 70. 284: J Nicklaus 76, 66, 68, 74. 285: J Colbert 69, 69, 71, 76. 286: R Murphy 71, 73, 70, 72, J Albus 69, 73, 69, 75, G Archer 73, 71, 68, 74. 287: G Gilbert 74, 73, 68, 72. 288: B Dickson 74, 73, 71, 70; E Sneed 73, 73, 69, 73. 289: D Douglass 77, 70, 71, 71, N Ratcliffe 76, 67, 74, 72; J C Snead 71, 70, 76, 72; T Dill 72, 72, 71, 74; D Weaver 68, 73, 72, 76. 290: K Zarley 74, 73, 72, 71; S Kanhai 73, 75, 71, 71.

PINEHURST, North Carolina: Women's tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 211: R Jones 72, 70, 69; D Mochrie 72, 69, 70. *Jones won on first extra hole.* 212: M McGann 75, 70, 67; N Bowen 71, 72, 69; A Sorenstam (Swe) 73, 69, 70; B Burton 70, 71, 71. 213: H Alfredsson (Swe) 71, 75, 67; C Hjalmarsson (Swe) 72, 73, 68, J Pitcock 75, 67, 71. 214: P Dunlap 72, 72, 70, M Mallon 72, 71, 71; J Inkster 70, 73, 71, S Little (SA) 74, 68, 72; C Pierce (GB) 69, 72, 73, L Neumann (Swe) 70, 69, 75, N Jeray 71, 67, 76. 215: V Skinner 73, 72, 70; L Davies (GB) 73, 72, 70; D Coe-Jones (Can) 72, 71, 72; E Daniel 73, 69, 73; L Walters 72, 70, 73.

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina: Heritage Classic: Final scores (US unless stated): 275: R Tway 67, 69, 72, 67; N Henke 66, 72, 70, 67; D Frost (SA) 71, 68, 66, 70. *Tway won on second extra hole.* 276: N Faldo (GB) 74, 64, 70, 68, W Austin 71, 72, 69, 64; M McCumber 70, 71, 64, 71. 277: N Price (Zim) 69, 72, 71, 65, E Els (SA) 73, 70, 64, 70; S Lowery 68, 73, 66, 70; T Watson 70, 68, 68, 71; G Morgan 73, 71, 62, 71, D Edwards 70, 69, 66, 72. 278: B McCallister 73, 69, 71, 65, K Gibson 74, 69, 68, 67; L Wadkins 73, 67, 71, 67; P Mickelson 68, 69, 71, 70; L Roberts 72, 65, 70, 71. J Daly 68, 68, 71, 71, G Sauers 66, 70, 69, 73. 279: M Sullivan 70, 71, 69, 69; W Levi 71, 71, 66, 71; P Jacobsen 69, 70, 68, 72. Other scores: 282: S Rintoul (Aus) 73, 70, 70, 69. 283: J Parnevik (Swe) 70, 66, 72, 75, B Ogle (Aus) 68, 74, 67, 74. 286: W Grady (Aus) 75, 69, 71, 71, C Parry (Aus) 70, 71, 73, 72. 290: F Allem (SA) 69, 75, 76, 70

HOCKEY

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP (at Cagliari): Men: A division: Final: Harvestehuder (Ger) 0 HDM (Holl) 0 (Harvestehuder won 4-1 on penalty strokes). Third place play-off: Real Club de Polo, Barcelona 3 Teddington 2. Cross-over play-offs: Ekaterinburg (Russ) 0 Amsicora (It) 0 (Ekaterinburg won 5-4 on penalty strokes); Grange (Scot) 3 Pocztowiec (Pol) 1. Relegated: Amsicora and Pocztowiec (at Groningen): Women: A division: Final: Russelsheim (Ger) 1 Slough 1 (Russelsheim won 4-2 on penalty strokes). Third place play-off: Groningen (Holl) 1 Muckross (Ire) 0. Cross-over play-offs: Lorenzoni (It) 2 Tekstilshik (Russ) 2 (Kirebzni won 4-3 on penalty strokes); Amiens (Fr) 1 Heriot-Watt University (Scot) 0. Relegated: Tekstilshik and Heriot-Watt University.

ICE HOCKEY

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia: World championships: *Pool B: Denmark 9 Great Britain 2*

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Dallas 2 Chicago 0; Florida 4 Tampa Bay 1, NY Rangers 3 NY Islanders 2; Philadelphia 4 Pittsburgh 3 (OT); St Louis 6 Detroit 5; San Jose 2 Los Angeles 0; Buffalo 2 Ottawa 1, New Jersey 3 Hartford 2. Quebec 4 Washington 2.

REAL TENNIS

HOBART: World championships: Final challenge (best-of-13 sets): R Fahey (Aus) leads W Davies (Aus) 6-2. First day: Fahey lead Davies 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3. Second day: Fahey lead Davies 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Easter rifle meet: Queen's II: 1, J Dallas 149.24. Short-range aggregate: 1, D Calvert 326.50. 900 yds: 1, C Sykes 74.12. 1,000 yds: 1, T Green 70.6. Long-range aggregate: 1, Carmichael 217.31. Grand aggregate: 1, Carmichael 539.74.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Cradley Heath 51 Coventry 45. Postponed: Coventry v Cradley Heath. Challenge: Exeter 50 Poole 46. Easter Trophy, second leg: Exeter 50 Poole 46 (Poole win 103-89 on agg). Midland challenge: Oxford 50 Wolverhampton 46

SWIMMING

EDINBURGH: Uncle Ben's world challenge: Winners: Men: 100m freestyle: H Bijlemans (Bel) 53.01. 200m butterfly: V Hanski (Fin) 2:3.43. 200m breaststroke: F Deburghgraeve (Bel) 2:18.60. 100m backstroke: J Sievinen (Fin) 56.47. 4 x 200m freestyle relay: Finland 7.44.27. Women: 100m freestyle: M Salmela (Fin) 58.37. 200m butterfly: K van Kruyssen (Bel) 2:21.04. 200m breaststroke: B Becue (Bel) 2:35.17. 100m backstroke: M Almonen (Fin) 1:5.18. 4 x 200m freestyle relay: Finland 8:35.26. Final standings: 1, Finland 191pts; 2, Belgium 163; 3, Switzerland 103.

TENNIS

HOUSTON: Women's tournament: Final: S Graf (Ger) bt A Carlsson (Swe) 6-1, 6-1.

HONG KONG: Men's tournament: First round: J Siemerink (Holl) bt W Masur (Aus) 6-4, 6-4. M Damm (Cz) bt A Mronz (Ger) 7-6, 7-6; J Tarango (US) bt M Zoecke (Ger) 7-6, 6-3; T Enqvist (Swe) bt L Herrera (Mex) 6-1, 6-1; A Radulescu (Ger) bt J Renzenbrink (Ger) 6-1, 6-3; T Ho (US) bt M Philippoussis (Aus) 6-3, 3-6, 7-6

NICE: *Men's tournament: First round:* F Clavet (Sp) bt T Guardiola (Fr) 6-1, 6-4, A Medvedev (Ukr) bt F Santoro (Fr) 6-3, 7-5, R Furlan (It) bt S Dosedel (Cz) 6-4, 6-3, C Pioline (Fr) bt G Forget (Fr) 6-3, 7-6; R Fromberg (Aus) bt G Schaller (Austria) 6-2, 7-6

LA MANGA: Fed Cup: Group A: Czech Republic 3 Poland 0 (Czech names first: H Sukova bt M Grzybowska 7-5, 6-3, J Novotna bt K Nowak 6-4, 6-2; R Bobkova/P Langrova bt Grzybowska/Olza 6-3, 3-6, 6-2). Slovenia 2 Great Britain 1 (Slovenia names first: B Mulej bt J Pullin 6-1, 6-3; T Krizan bt C Wood 4-6, 6-1, 6-1; *Krizan/T Jezernik lost to J Durie/Wood* 6-2, 1-6, 2-6). Group B: Russia 2 Ukraine 1 (Russia names first: E Makarova bt T Beiko 6-4, 4-6, 8-6; E Likhovtseva lost to O Lugina 7-5, 3-6, 6-8; E Makarova/E Maniokova bt T Beiko/O Lugina 4-6, 6-2, 6-3). Hungary 3 Georgia 0 (Hungary awarded tie because Georgia were unable to field three players). Group C: Finland 1 Belarus 2 (Finland names first: P Thoren bt T Ignatieva 7-5, 3-6, 6-4, N Dahlman lost to N Zvereva 6-7, 2-6. Dahlman/Thoren lost to Ignatieva/Zvereva 3-6, 1-6). Switzerland 1 Latvia 2 (Switzerland names first: U Bushevista lost to J Menta 6-1, 6-1; M Hingis bt L Savchenko-Neiland 6-1, 6-2; G Dondit/Hingis lost to A Blumberga/Neiland 5-7, 7-5, 5-7). Group D: Belgium 2 Croatia 1 (Belgium names first: L Courtois bt M Palaversic 6-2, 7-6. S Appelmans bt I Majoli 6-2, 6-2; Appelmans/E Callens lost to N Ercegovic/S Talaja 3-6, 6-7). Romania 3 Israel 0 (Romania names first: C Cristea bt H Rosen 6-1, 6-3, R Dragomir bt A Smashnova 6-3, 3-6, 6-0; Cristea/Dragomir bt S Bursten/T Obziler 6-4, 6-4)

DUBAI: Davis Cup: Third group (Asia-Oceania zone): Bahrain bt Singapore 2-1. Saudi Arabia bt Oceana Pacific 2-1

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday April 22 unless stated

Coupon No, fixture, forecast

AUTO WINDSCREEN CUP FINAL

Not on coupons: Birmingham v Carlisle (Sunday, at Wembley)

FIRST DIVISION

1 Barnsley v *Middlesbro* 2
2 Notts Co v Grimsby 2
3 Oldham v *Millwall* 1
4 Watford v Bristol C 1

Not on coupons: Burnley v *Portsmouth*. Charlton v *Luton*; Reading v Bolton (Friday). Sheffield United v Wolves. Stoke v Port Vale; Sunderland v Swindon; Tranmere v Southend (Friday); West Brom v Derby

SECOND DIVISION

5 Brentford v Cardiff 1
6 Crewe v Plymouth 1
7 Hull v Cambridge 1
8 Peterboro v Blackpool X
9 Rotherham v Wrexham 1
10 Shr'sbury v Hudd'field 2
11 Stockport v Brighton 2
12 Swansea v Bourn'm'th 1
13 Wycombe v Chester 1
14 York v Oxford X

Not on coupons: Bristol Rovers v Orient

THIRD DIVISION

15 Bury v North'pton 1
16 Colchester v Lincoln X
17 Exeter v Barnet 2
18 Gill'gham v Doncaster X
19 Hartlepool v Hereford 2
20 Mansfield v Fulham 1
21 Preston v Torquay 1
22 Scunth'pe v Scarboro 1
23 Walsall v Wigan 1

Not on coupons: Darlington v *Rochdale*

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

24 Bromsgrove v Halifax X
25 Dag'ham & R v Bath X
26 Dover v Altrincham 2
27 Farnboro v Woking X
28 Gatesh'd v Stevenage 1
29 Kid'minster v Stafford 1
30 Runcorn v Northwich 1
31 Stalybridge v Merthyr 1
32 Welling v Kettering X
33 Yeovil v *Telford* 2

UNIBOND LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

34 Barrow v Whitley Bay 1
35 B Auckl'd v Accr'gton X
36 Boston v Morecambe 2
37 Buxton v Winsford 1
38 Colwyn Bay v Frickley 1

DIADORA LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

39 Aylesbury v Yeading 1
40 Bromley v Sutton 1
41 Carshalton v Marlow 1
42 Harrow v Slough X
43 Hayes v Dulwich 1

SCOTTISH FIRST

44 Airdrie v St Mirren 1
45 Clydebank v *Hamilton* X
46 Dundee v Raith 1
47 Dunf'mline v Ayr 1
48 Stranraer v S Johnstn 2

SCOTTISH SECOND

49 Berwick v Stirling 1
50 Brechin v Clyde 2
51 E Fife v *Meadowb'k* 1
52 G Morton v Q of S'th 1
53 Stenh'muir v Dumb'rtn 1

SCOTTISH THIRD

54 Albion v Ross 2
55 Alloa v Queen's Pk 1
56 Caledonian v M'trose X
57 E Stirling v Arbroath 2
58 Forfar v Cowdenb'th 1

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Peterborough, York, Colchester, Gillingham, Bromsgrove, Dagenham, Farnborough, Welling, Bishop Auckland, Harrow, Clydebank, Caledonian.

BEST DRAWS: York, Gillingham, Dagenham, Farnborough, Clydebank.

AWAYS: Grimsby, Barnet, Altrincham, Telford, Morecambe.

HOMES: Watford, Crewe, Rotherham, Wycombe, Mansfield, Gateshead, Runcorn, Barrow, Colwyn Bay, Carshalton, Stenhousemuir, Alloa.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Watford, Rotherham, Mansfield, Runcorn, Barrow. Aways: Barnet, Altrincham, Morecambe. Draws: York, Gillingham, Franborough.

☐ Vince Wright

JULIAN HERBERT

Swinburn flourishes the whip as Captain Horatius, trained by John Dunlop, records a 1¼-length victory over Golden Ball in the Magnolia Stakes, the most valuable race on the Kempton Park programme, yesterday

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

Castleford 56 Wakefield 0

Castleford: Tries: Blackmore 3, Ray 2, Kemp 2, Middleton 2, C Smith 2, T Smith 2, Goddard, Harland, Nikau, Steadman. Goals: Steadman 6, Kemp 3. Att: 4,443.

Halifax 23 Leeds 18

Halifax: Tries: Bentley 2, Turner. Goals: Schuster 5. Dropped goal: Divorty. Leeds: Tries: Cook, Innes, Morley. Goals: Cook 2. Att: 8,951.

Hull 42 Doncaster 12

Hull: Tries: Gray 2, McNamara 2, Dakin, Dixon, R Nolan. Goals: Hewitt 7. Doncaster: Tries: Bramley, Whalstead. Goals: Green 2. Att: 3,441.

Salford 14 Bradford 16

Salford: Tries: Martin 2, Naylor. Goal: Blakeley. Bradford: Tries: Fairbank, Hall, Paul. Goals: Fox 2. Att: 2,647.

St Helens 54 Widnes 22

St Helens: Tries: Hunte 3, Goulding 2, Nickle 2, Eia, Martyn, Matautia, Prescott. Goals: Prescott 4, Goulding. Widnes: Tries: McCurrie 3, Green, Hunter. Goal: Rogers. Att: 5,978.

Warrington 0 Wigan 34

Wigan: Tries: Botica 2, Radlinski 2, Gary Connolly, Tuigamala. Goals: Botica 3, Farrell, Murdock. Att: 6,687.

Workington 34 Oldham 12

Workington: Tries: Gorley, Hepi, Mulligan, Pape, L Smith. Goals: Marwood 7. Oldham: Tries: Crompton 2, Jones. Att: 3,165.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	29	27	0	2	1082	370	54
Leeds	29	23	1	5	832	512	47
St Helens	29	19	1	9	882	628	39
Castleford	28	18	2	8	814	528	38
Halifax	29	18	2	9	758	534	38
Warrington	29	18	2	9	741	539	38
Bradford	29	17	1	11	785	610	35
Sheffield	28	13	0	15	588	659	26
Oldham	28	11	1	16	510	692	23
Workington	29	11	1	17	488	737	23
Salford	29	9	1	19	578	757	19
Wakefield	29	9	0	20	420	777	18
Featherstone	27	8	1	18	498	627	17
Widnes	28	8	1	19	443	700	17
Hull	29	7	1	21	578	814	15
Doncaster	29	5	1	23	453	957	11

(Does not include Sheffield v Featherstone)

Second division

Bramley	10	Batley	18
Carlisle	16	Whitehaven	18
Dewsbury	46	Hunslet	16
Highfield	8	Barrow	34
Keighley	22	Huddersfield	22
Leigh	24	Swinton	10
Ryedale York	37	Hull KR	22

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Keighley	29	22	2	5	879	338	46
Batley	29	23	0	6	728	355	46
Huddersfield	29	19	3	7	844	487	41
London Broncos	28	19	1	8	698	448	39
Whitehaven	28	18	0	10	704	471	36
Hull KR	29	16	1	12	800	482	33
Dewsbury	29	16	1	12	692	512	33
Rochdale	28	16	0	12	743	520	32
Ryedale York	29	14	2	13	692	578	30
Hunslet	29	15	0	14	583	757	30
Leigh	29	11	0	18	598	763	22
Swinton	29	11	0	18	548	755	22
Bramley	28	10	0	18	528	565	20
Carlisle	29	8	0	21	528	848	16
Barrow	29	6	0	23	438	783	12
Highfield	29	1	0	28	220	1500	2

WINFIELD CUP: Sixth round: Brisbane Broncos 36 St George 18.

Heineken League

Second division

Ebbw Vale 27 Tenby Utd 18

Ebbw Vale: Tries: A Thomas 2, Harris, Watkins, Young. Con: C Thomas. Tenby United: Tries: Ballwill, Wake. Con: H Evans. Pens: H Evans 2.

Club matches

Abercarn	34	Cross Keys	31
Broughton Park	16	Stockport	3
Lydney	62	Stroud	7
Maesteg	22	Bridgend	24
Newbold	7	Rugby	34
Newport	20	London Welsh	20
Pontypool Utd	35	Pontypool	18
Preston G	25	Fylde	0
Torquay Athletic	30	Plymouth	14
Treorchy	45	Penygraig	8

DU MANOIR CHALLENGE: Quarter-finals: Agen 6 Toulouse 19; Begles-Bordeaux 11 Bourgoin 37; Dax 6 Toulon 23; Perpignan 15 Castres 15 (aet, Castres win 5-4 on pen). Semi-final draw: Toulouse v Bourgoin; Toulon v Castres.

GUIDE TO THE WEEK'S MAIN FIXTURES

TODAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket match*

Uefa Cup
Semi-finals, second legs
Parma (2) v Bayer Leverkusen (1) .....
B Dortmund (2) v Juventus (2) (7.15) ...

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Southend v Charlton (7.45) ....

Second division
Blackpool v York ....
Bournemouth v Bristol Rovers (7.45) ....

Third division
Scarborough v Darlington ....
Torquay v Exeter ....
Wigan v Bury ....

Vauxhall Conference
Kidderminster v Macclesfield (7.45) ....

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division
Motherwell v Aberdeen ....
Partick v Dundee Utd ....

Third division
East Stirling v Queen's Park ....

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Maidenhead v Uxbridge. Second division: Oxford City v Thame, Ware v Cheshunt.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Concord v Brentwood; Eton Manor v Southend Manor.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Frome.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Senior first: O Wokingians v O Tenisonians R.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballyclare v Portadown, Coleraine v Cliftonville (3.0). Crusaders v Glenavon (3.0). Omagh v Larne (3.0).

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Prescot v Skelmersdale.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal v Ipswich (3.0); *Crystal Palace v Bristol Rovers (at Wimbledon, 2.0).* Luton v Chelsea (at Kenilworth Road, 2.0); West Ham v Swindon (7.0)

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Coventry v Leeds (7.0); Everton v Aston Villa (7.0); Notts County v Bolton (7.0). Sunderland v Derby (7.0). Second division: Burnley v Barnsley (7.15), Grimsby v Mansfield (7.0); Sheffield Wednesday v Preston (at Hillsborough, 7.0).

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English FA Festivals: Jersey; Isle of Wight, North Tyneside.

CRICKET

Tetley Bitter Shield
11.0, first day of four
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v England A

University matches
11.30, first day of three
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Lancashire
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Glamorgan

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter championship
Second division
Rochdale v London Broncos (7.30) .....

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Newmarket (C4, 2.0), Wetherby (2.15)

SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (BBC, Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: Semi-finals, second legs: Ajax (0) v Bayern Munich (0); AC Milan (1) v Paris Saint-Germain (0).

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First *division: Millwall v Notts County (7.45).* Second division: Brighton v Wycombe (7.45); Plymouth v Birmingham (7.45).

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Celtic v Hearts; Hibernian v Falkirk (5.0). Third division: Ross County v Montrose

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Whitehaven v Bramley (6.30).

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: European bantamweight championship (vacant): Johnny Bredahl (Denmark) v John Armour (GB) (York Hall).

RACING: Newmarket (C4, 2.0); Pontefract (2.45); Southwell (1.50).

SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (BBC, Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).

SPEEDWAY (7.30 unless stated): Premier League: Hull v Arena Essex. Speedway Star Knockout Cup: First round, first leg: Long Eaton v Sheffield; Poole v Oxford

THURSDAY

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Chelsea (0) v Real Zaragoza (3) (8.0); Sampdoria (2) v Arsenal (3) (ITV, at Genoa)

FA CARLING *PREMIERSHIP*: Blackburn v Crystal Palace (7.45)

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Dover v Woking (7.45).

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Kilmarnock v Rangers (Sky, 7.45).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Featherstone Rovers v Widnes (7.30), Oldham v Castleford (7.30).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser championship play-off: Quarter-final, third leg: London v Leopards (8.0).

RACING: Newmarket (C4, 2.0); Ripon (2.30); Ayr (2.20).

SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (BBC, Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).

SPEEDWAY (7.30 unless stated): Speedway Star Knockout Cup: First round, first leg: Ipswich v Peterborough; Middlesbrough v Glasgow. Second leg: Sheffield v Long Eaton (7.45)

SWIMMING: European championship trials (Sheffield).

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First *division: Tranmere v Southend; Reading v Bolton (7.45).*

CRICKET

UNIVERSITY MATCH (one day): Combined Universities v Northamptonshire (The Parks).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: St Helens v Warrington (Sky 7.30).

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Newbury (BBC, 2.10); Thirsk (2.15); Ayr (2.0); Taunton (5.25); Uttoxeter (5.40).

SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (BBC, Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).

SPEEDWAY (7.30 unless stated): Premier League: Belle Vue v Long Eaton; Edinburgh v Exeter (7.15). Speedway Star Knockout Cup: First round, first leg: Arena Essex v Eastbourne (8.0). Second leg: Oxford v Poole (7.45); Peterborough v Ipswich.

SWIMMING: European championship trials (Sheffield).

RACING RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S 16 BANK HOLIDAY MEETINGS

Kempton Park

Going: good to firm

2.10 (7f) 1, FAWJ (W Carson, 11-4 jt-fav). 2, *Summertown (G Hind, 11-4 jt-fav)*. 3, Godmersham Park (D Harrison, 100-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Yubralee, 8 Francfurter (4th), Ironic, Rasmi (5th), 20 Partenaire, 33 Eden Heights, Equity's Darling (6th), 50 Ela Palikari Mou, 100 Bid For A Rainbow. 12 ran. Nk, sh hd, ¾l, 3l, ½l. R Armstrong at Newmarket. Tote £4.50; £1.60, £1.50, £5.50. DF, £5.60. Trio, £217.70. CSF £9.93.

2.40 (1m 2f) 1, CAPTAIN HORATIUS (W R Swinburn, 13-2), 2, Golden Ball (W Carson, 8-1); 3, Young Buster (M Hills, 100-30 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Alriffa (4th), Fiond (6th), 9 Persian Brave, 12 Girl From Ipanema, 14 Old Hickory, 33 Cedez Le Passage (5th), 50 Mediterraneo. 10 ran. 1¼l, 1¾l, 2l, 6l, 1l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote £10.10; £2.40, £2.60, £1.60. DF, £54.50. Trio £76.10. CSF, £53.74.

3.10 (2m) 1, ALWAYS ALOOF (W R Swinburn, 14-1), 2, Moonlight Quest (T Ives, 6-1 fav); 3, Blaze Away (M Fenton, 10-1); 4, *Doyce (G Duffield, 14-1)*. ALSO RAN: 8 Well Arranged, 10 Chief's Song, Stoney Valley, 11 Lalindi (5th), Stalled, 14 Argyle Cavalier, Phil's Time, 16 Harlestone Brook, Upper Mount Clair, Wild Strawberry (6th), 20 Triple Tie, 25 Paradise Navy, 33 Chakalak, Chimborazo, Sheltered Cove, Top Spin. 20 ran. 2l, nk, 3l, nk, 1½l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote £16.40; £3.50, £1.70, £2.60, £3.20. DF £55.00. Trio £176.30. CSF £92.22. Tricast £815.91. After a stewards' inquiry *Stalled, who finished fourth, was disqualified.*

3.40 (6f) 1, SERGEYEV (T Quinn, 4-1), 2, Welton Arsenal (M Hills, 6-1).*3, Fire Dome (W R Swinburn, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Overbrook (4th), 5 Kayrawan (6th), 11-2 Al Nufooth, 7 Al Rawda, 14 Lennox Lewis (5th), 33 Rockville Pike. 9 ran. NR: Anniversarypresent. 1l, 1¼l, 1¾l, nk, ½l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote £5.40; £2.00, £2.00, £2.30. DF £16.50. Trio £64.50. CSF, £27.67.

4.15 (1m 2f) 1, *SPECIAL DAWN* (Pat Eddery, 8-1 jt-fav); 2, Blushing Flame (W R Swinburn, 8-1 jt-fav), 3, Benfleet (A McKay, 12-1); 4, Secret Aly (B Doyle, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 8-1 jt-fav A Million Watts, Proton, 12 Red Valerian, Sue's Artiste (6th), 14 Country Lover, Rory, Show Faith, 16 *El Atrevido, Locorotondo*, 20 Eqtesaad, Prenonamoss (ur), Uncle Oswald (5th), 33 Folly Finnesse, Laxford Bridge, Roi De La Mer, Windrush Lady, Zermatt, *50 No Speeches*. 22 ran. NR: Khayrapour, Robsera. Nk, 1¾l, hd, nk, hd. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote £6.60; £2.20, £2.70, £3.10, £3.00. DF £27.40. Trio £87.80. CSF £70.61. Tricast £729.77.

4.45 (1m 2f) 1, MINDS MUSIC (W Ryan, 14-1); 2, Istidaad (W Carson, 15-8 fav), 3, Riyadian (T Quinn, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Mackook (4th), 7 Stone Ridge, 14 Lamp Of Phoebus, Main Offender (5th), 16 Tadjoni, 20 Red Dragon, Western Playboy, 25 Snow Princess, 33 Turquoise Sea, 50 *Blazing Miracle*, Bowcliffe Court, Burnt Sienna, China Mail, Coggle, Greycoat Boy, High Patriarch (6th), Maplestead, Stornaway (ITY). 21 ran. Shd, 1¼l, 2½l, 1½l, 3½l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote, £10.90; £3.80, £1.50, £2.20. DF, £14.40. Trio £42.50. CSF: £40.97

5.15 (6f) 1, GONE SAVAGE (P McCabe, 25-1); 2, La Petite Fusee (A Clark, 20-1). 3, Fionn De Cool (T Quinn, 13-2 fav). 4, Yet More Roses (T Ives, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 8 How's Yer Father, Kildee Lad (6th), Macfurai, Truthful Image, 9 Sweet Supposin, Warwick Warrior, 10 Invocation, 11 Dark Eyed Lady, 16 Bryan Robson (5th), Champagne Grandy, Zifta, 20 Peter Rowley, 33 Chili Heights. 17 ran. Hd, ½l, ¾l, ¾l, 5l. W Musson at Newmarket. Tote: £57.70, £12.50, £4.50, £2.50, £3.60. DF, £255.40. Trio, £355.40. CSF: £432.17. Tricast £3,289.94.

5.45 (7f) 1, ATLAAL (R Hills, 9-1). 2, Banadam (W Ryan, 4-1). 3, *Silver Sting* (Pat Eddery, 15-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 3 Victory Team, 9 Flordante (5th), 14 Forzair (4th), 16 Hasaid Lady, 33 Lucky Coin, Roderick Hudson (6th), Rumpelstiltskin, 66 Jimbo, Poor Printer. 12 ran. Nk, 2½l, ½l, 2l, ½l. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. Tote £13.60; £2.90, £2.00, £1.40. DF £32.30. Trio £11.20. CSF £43.68.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £39,548.29 carried forward to Newmarket today).

Placepot: £45.40. Quadpot: £9.40.

Chepstow

Going: firm, good to firm patches

2.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, KEEP ME IN MIND (D Skyrme, 7-1), 2, Forest Feather (7-1), 3, Wee Windy (10-3). ALSO RAN: *6-4 fav Lucky Blue (4th). 5 ran.* Sh hd, 14l. N Mitchell. Tote: £8.70; £2.70, £2.10. DF: £9.60. CSF: £41.61.

2.30 (3m ch) 1, CACHE FLEUR (R Dunwoody, 10-11 jt-fav); 2, Run Up The Flag (10-11 jt-fav). 2 ran

3.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, NEMURO (A McCabe, 11-4); 2, Pridwell (Evens fav), 3, Olympian (4-1). ALSO RAN: 33 Liberty James (4th). 5 ran. 2½l, 6l. D Elsworth. Tote: £4.20; £2.20, £1.20. DF £2.90. CSF: £6.06.

3.30 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, HOLY JOE (D J Burchell, 6-4 fav). 2, Kaifoon (14-1); 3, Prerogative (13-8). ALSO RAN: 8 Access Sun (4th). 7 ran. Nk, 10l. D Burchell. Tote: £4.50, £1.70, £2.00, £1.80. DF £12.80. CSF: £19.53.

4.00 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1, MR JAMBOREE (A Thornton, 7-4 jt-fav); 2, Rainbow Castle (7-4 jt-fav); 3, Nickle Joe (2-1). ALSO RAN: 16 Willie McGarr (4th). 4 ran. NR: Saltaah. 25l, 25l. K Bailey. Tote: £2.90. DF: £2.80. CSF: £5.03.

4.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, CADOUGOLD (R Dunwoody, 11-10 fav), 2, Classic Pal (25-1), 3, Raqib (7-4). ALSO RAN: 4 Bowcliffe (4th). 8 ran. 2½l, 15l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £2.30, £1.50. DF: £28.10. CSF £25.09.

Placepot: £106.70. Quadpot: £4.70.

Newcastle

Going: good to firm

2.25 (5f) 1, *My Melody Parkes (J Carroll,* 4-6 fav). 2, Top Cat (12-1). 3, Kunucu (5-2). 7 ran. 3½l, sh hd. J Berry. Tote, £1.40, £1.10, £2.80. DF £5.00. CSF, £10.00.

2.55 (5f) 1, Perryston View (M Birch, 9-2 jt-fav). 2, Tenor (5-1). 3, Colway Rake (10-1). *10 ran.* 2½l, sh hd. P Calver. Tote, £5.40, £1.90, £1.90, £3.70. DF £12.30. Trio £107.90. CSF £26.47. Tricast £198.15.

3.25 (7f) 1, Shahid (K Darley, Evens fav). 2, *Shinerolla (7-2). 3, Hawa Al Nasamaat* (7-1). 8 ran. 3½l, 2½l. J Dunlop. Tote: £1.90, £1.10, £1.80, £1.80. DF £2.50. Trio not won. CSF £5.88. Tricast £17.62.

3.55 (1m 4f 93yd) 1, Embryonic (N Connorton, 11-10 fav), 2, Toraja (7-2). 3, Dawn Mission (6-1). 7 ran. ½l, 10l. R Fisher. Tote £2.10. £1.10, £1.80. DF £2.00. CSF £4.93.

4.25 (1m) 1, Thatched (P Fessey, 13-2); 2, Hawwam (6-1 jt-fav); 3, Spanish Verdict (8-1). Self Expression 6-1 jt-fav. 15 ran. *1¼l, ¾l. R Barr. Tote £11.00; £3.30, £2.00,* £3.70. DF £14.80. Trio £95.60. CSF £46.24. Tricast, £296.61.

4.55 (1m) 1, Medaille Militaire (K Darley, 4-6 fav). 2, Mithraic (5-1). 3, Final Fling (9-2). *7 ran.* 2l, 2½l. J Dunlop. Tote, £1.40; £1.10, £2.60. DF: £2.60. CSF £4.50.

Placepot: £7.60. Quadpot: £3.50.

Nottingham

Going: good to firm, good patches

2.20 (5f 13yd) 1, Orange And Blue (P Robinson, 8-1); 2, Anzees (7-4 fav). 3, Tokapuna (3-1). 6 ran. NR: Deaken Dancer. 1¾l, 1¼l. M Jarvis. Tote, £10.10; £3.60, £1.90. DF: £9.10. CSF £21.88. Deaken Dancer (12-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduct 5p in the pound

2.50 (5f 13yd) 1, Coastal Bluff (J Fortune, 8-1). 2, La Suquet (11-8 fav). 3, Jo Maximus (5-1). 10 ran. 3¼l, 2l. T Barron. *Tote, £15.40; £2.40, £1.50, £1.50.* DF: £12.50. Trio £19.30. CSF: £21.22.

3.20 (6f 15yd) 1, Double Splendour (D Wright, 8-1). 2, Giggleswick Girl (14-1). 3, Asterix (20-1); 4, First Gold (9-2 jt-fav). Sir Tasker 9-2 jt-fav. 18 ran. 1½l, 2l. P Felgate. Tote: £9.20; £1.70, £4.20, £21.20, £1.50. DF: £556.10. Trio, not won. CSF: £123.74. Tricast £2,051.75.

3.50 (1m 1f 213yd) 1, Himalayan Blue (Candy Morris, 25-1); 2, Elfin Laughter (10-1), 3, Kristal's Paradise (14-1). Silently 3-1 fav. 14 ran. ½l, nk. M Channon. Tote: £25.20; £4.50, £3.90, £4.20. DF: £221.20. Trio: £116.10. CSF: £263.32. Tricast: £3,338.33.

4.20 (1m 54yd) 1, Busy Banana (J Fortune, 4-1); 2, Harry Browne (6-1); 3, Kevasingo (12-1); 4, Sikkali (16-1). Double Rush 3-1 fav. 19 ran. NR: Sobeloved. 5l, 1¼l. R Hannon. Tote: £5.00, £2.10, £1.90, £2.80, £4.50. DF: £15.70. Trio: £81.30. CSF: £33.64. Tricast: £279.05.

4.50 (1m 6f 15yd) 1, Swordking (P Robinson, 12-1), 2, Seize The Day (12-1); 3, Arc Bright (8-1), 4, Environmentalist (5-2 fav). 17 ran. Nk, 2½l. J L Harris. Tote £17.00; £2.70, £4.10, £1.70, £2.30. DF: £215.70. CSF: £174.73. Tricast: £1,171.00

Placepot: £1,526.80. Quadpot: not won (pool of £35.30 carried forward to *Newmarket today*).

Warwick

Going: good, good to firm in places

2.05 (5f) 1, Anotheranniversary (Paul Eddery, 11-8 fav); 2, Kossolian (16-1); 3, Gracious Gretclo (5-1). 11 ran. ¾l, 2l. G Lewis. Tote: £2.60, £1.30, £3.60, £2.20. DF £23.10. Trio £33.90. CSF, £24.33.

2.35 (1m 2f 169yd) 1, Poly Road (C Rutter, 6-1); 2, Matamoros (4-1 fav); 3, Just Fizzy *(20-1). 4, Crested Knight (12-1). 16 ran.* 1½l, 4l. M Channon. Tote: £5.70; £1.70, £1.70, £3.40, £2.40. DF: £16.90. Trio, £104.80. CSF, £31.01. Tricast: £435.50

3.05 (7f) 1, Star Talent (Paul Eddery, 14-1); 2, Cool Jazz (7-2), 3, Stoniths (5-2 fav). 7 ran. 1½l, 4l. D Elsworth. Tote £11.20, £3.00, £1.90. DF, £24.60. CSF £59.66.

3.35 (1m 2f 169yd) 1, Son Of Sharp Shot (Paul Eddery, 5-1); 2, Hill Farm Dancer (7-1), 3, Southern Power (3-1 fav). 12 ran. 2l, 2½l. J Dunlop. Tote £4.50; £1.70, *£2.00, £1.80. DF £12.80. Trio £6.90.* CSF £39.49. Tricast £115.72.

4.05 (1m 4f 115yd) 1, Peter Monamy (J Reid, 8-1), 2, Recovery Lad (12-1), 3, Durgams First (10-3). Smiling Thru 3-1 fav. 12 ran. 1l, ½l. P Cole. Tote £9.60; £2.80, £3.60, £1.50. DF £81.70. Trio £44.20. CSF, £96.62.

4.35 (1m 4f 115yd) 1, Toy Princess (M Rimmer, 11-2), 2, Executive Design (4-7 fav), 3, Tonka (20-1). 7 ran. Hd, sh hd. C Brittain. Tote £5.20; £2.50, £1.10. DF £3.20. CSF £9.32.

5.05 (5f) 1, Halliard (R Perham, 10-1), 2, Grand Time (11-2), 3, Spender (100-30 fav). 11 ran. NR: Paley Prince. 2½l, 1l. T Jones. Tote £12.80; £3.30, £2.00, £1.60. DF £38.30. Trio £237.20. CSF £59.73. Tricast £204.62.

Placepot: £345.40. Quadpot: £19.30.

Carlisle

Going: firm

2.20 (2m 1f hdle) 1, *T O O Mamma's (S* Melrose, 7-2); 2, Emerald Charm (10-1). 3, Emral Miss (14-1). Topothenorthracing 11-4 fav. 16 ran. NR: Brilliant Disguise, Computer Pickings, Red March Hare, Sakura. 3½l, hd. J Oliver. Tote: £3.90; £1.40, £2.80, £3.60. DF £44.20. CSF £34.22.

2.50 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Easter Oats (R Supple, 7-4 fav), 2, Garcall (5-2); 3, Broughpark Azalea (15-2). 9 ran. 20l, 4l. R Goldie. Tote: £2.30; £1.20, £1.60, £3.20. *DF: £4.00. CSF: £6.36.*

3.20 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Sparky Gayle (B Storey, Evens fav); 2, Marked Card (66-1), 3, Buyers Dream (7-2). 9 ran. 13l, 1¼l. C Parker. Tote £1.80; £1.20, £3.20, £1.60. DF £27.00. CSF, £43.78.

3.50 (3m ch) 1, Majic Rain (J Callaghan, 9-4 fav). 2, Carousel Rocket (7-1). 3, Green Trix (20-1). 14 ran. NR: Berman March, Miami Bear, Nawrik, Pink Gin. 20l, 1¼l. D Eddy. Tote £3.20; £1.80, £2.70, *£3.20. DF, £7.40. CSF £18.04. Tricast* £240.35.

4.20 (2m 1f hdle) 1, The Premier Expres (R Supple, 2-1 fav); 2, Cuncan (6-1). 3, Red Beacon (33-1). 11 ran. 6l, 1¾l. F O'Mahony. Tote: £2.80, £1.80, £2.10, £3.70. DF: £19.10. CSF: £14.60. Tricast £288.28.

4.50 (3m 2f ch) 1, Tartan Tornado (Mr P Johnson, 16-1); 2, *Brazen Gold (13-8 fav)*; 3, Stelzer (5-2). 5 ran. 20l, dist. Mrs P Laws. Tote: £5.00, £1.90, £1.10. DF: £4.00. CSF: £39.49.

5.20 (2m 1f flat) 1, Monyman (D Bentley, 14-1); 2, Classic Crest (16-1). 3, Kings Masquerade (6-1). Pacific War 3-1 fav. 16 ran. 1¾l, nk. M Hammond. Tote £34.90; £9.40, £13.00, £3.10. DF: £109.80. CSF: £221.66

Placepot: £35.30. Quadpot: £4.80.

Fakenham

Going: good, good to firm in places

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, Water Diviner (J Ryan, 7-1). 2, Inzar (9-1). 3, Mister Blake (9-2). Salman 7-2 fav. 10 ran. 6l, 1¾l. K Wingrove. Tote, £8.20; £1.80, £3.10, £1.40. DF £20.00. CSF: £65.38. Tricast £292.44

3.05 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Who's Next (Mr R Wakley, 20-1), 2, On The Beer (5-1); 3, *Master Shikari (12-1).* Copper Thistle 1-2 fav. 9 ran. 10l, 25l. Ms L McGowan. Tote £13.10; £2.20, £1.20, £1.90. DF, £26.50. CSF £117.26.

3.40 (2m 4f hdle) 1, The Changeling (Mr M Armytage, 7-4 fav), 2, Straight Laced (7-2), 3, Senfirm Princess (5-1). 8 ran. 4l, 5l. G Bravery. Tote £3.40; £1.30, £1.10, £2.00. DF £5.20. CSF £9.49. Tricast £22.15

4.15 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Faringo (Mr C Ward, 5-1); 2, Emsee-H (7-1), 3, Dromin Leader (3-1). Ballyhyland 9-4 fav (f). 11 ran. 14l, 3l. Fred Farrow. Tote £5.50, £1.40, £1.90, £1.60. DF £16.90. CSF £40.82.

4.50 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Icarus (A Procter, 15-2), 2, Lady Blarney (12-1); 3, Miss Fern (7-1). Mr Entertainer 7-4 fav. 7 ran. 1l, 2l. D Brown. Tote £9.80, £3.80, £4.00. DF £57.70. CSF £73.35.

5.25 (2m hdle) 1, Secretary Of State (A Procter, 2-1 fav), 2, Jubilee Royale (16-1), 3, Night In A Million (11-2). 9 ran. 10l, ¾l. C Egerton. Tote £3.60; £1.70, £2.80, £1.80. *DF £26.30. CSF £31.11. Tricast £147.16.*

Placepot: £1,626.10. Quadpot: £77.10.

Hereford

Going: firm

2.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Nuin-Tara (D Matthews, 11-4), 2, Little Miner (50-1); 3, Beyond The Stars (50-1). Desert Fighter 2-5 fav (f). 10 ran. 12l, 15l. Mrs A Knight. Tote £3.60; £1.20, £5.70, £4.30. DF £464.30. CSF £130.61

3.05 (2m 3f ch) 1, Andrelot (Mr J Jukes, 12-1), 2, Writer's Quay (10-1); 3, The Communicator (12-1). Trust The Gypsy 2-1 fav. 16 ran. 15l, 20l. S Dough. Tote, £12.90; £2.60, £2.80, £5.50. DF: £179.80. CSF, £134.18.

3.40 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Height Of Fun (M Bosley, 5-1); 2, Skerry Meadow (9-1); 3, New Halen (9-4 jt-fav). Vicar Of Bray 9-4 jt-fav. 7 ran. NR: Pant Llin, Tom Penny. 10l, 6l. C Popham. Tote, £4.70; £2.10, £4.20. DF: £26.50. CSF, £44.03. Tricast £118.45.

4.15 (3m 2f hdle) 1, Wellknown Character (Miss S Mitchell, 4-1); 2, Just One Canaletto (11-4 fav); 3, Dragons Lady (8-1). 12 ran. 13l, ¾l. P Nicholls. Tote: £5.50, £2.00, £2.10, £3.00. DF: £14.00. CSF: £18.65

4.50 (2m ch) 1, Manamour (C Llewellyn, 6-5 fav); 2, Dawn Chance (3-1), 3, Final Ace (8-1). 7 ran. 5l, 14l. R Lee. Tote: £2.10; £1.70, £2.10. DF, £3.30. CSF £5.98

5.25 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Russian Empire (C Llewellyn, 4-1), 2, Stapleford Lady (4-6 fav); 3, Devil's Sting (100-30). 7 ran. 5l, 20l. N Walker. Tote £5.60, £2.20, £1.40. DF £2.30. CSF £8.43

Placepot: £512.40. Quadpot: £25.70.

Huntingdon

Going: firm

2.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Golden Madjambo (J Lodder, 6-4 fav), 2, Arctic Bloom (12-1). 3, Colway Prince (5-1). 8 ran. ¾l, 15l. F Jordan. Tote £2.30; £1.20, £2.70, £1.70. DF £13.10. CSF, £18.70. Tricast £70.07.

2.30 (3m ch) 1, Maneree (J Lodder, 4-5 fav); 2, Dennington (Evens). 2 ran. 6l. N Callaghan. Tote: £1.60

3.00 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, First Crack (J Lodder, 7-4 fav), 2, Charlatnvota (9-2), 3, Star Market (2-1). 7 ran. 5l, ½l. F Jordan. Tote £2.80, £1.60, £2.00. DF £6.30. CSF £10.82

3.30 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Slippery Max (J Lodder, 5-2). 2, Kanndabil (11-8 fav). 3, Highland Flame (2-1). 4 ran. 13l, 3½l. R Juckes. Tote £2.60. DF £2.70. CSF £6.67

4.05 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Sassiver (A Bates, 7-4). 2, Celtic Daughter (5-2). 3, Parsons Gift (11-10 fav). 4 ran. NR: Hope Thatch, *The Hobonan. Hd, dist. P Kelleway.* Tote, £3.40. DF: £3.70. CSF £8.81

4.35 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Finkle Street (G Hogan, 10-11 jt-fav); 2, Social Climber (10-11 jt-fav). 2 ran. Dist. G Hubbard. Tote, £1.50

5.05 (2m 110yd flat) 1, Brancher (W Fry, 9-4), 2, Brandon Bridge (2-1 jt-fav). 3, Misty Windows (10-1). Physical Fun 2-1 jt-fav. 8 ran. NR: The Archonian. ½l, 3½l. J Norton. Tote: £4.30; £1.80, £1.50, £2.20. DF, £5.10. CSF £10.13.

Placepot: £94.30. Quadpot: £19.60.

Market Rasen

Going: good to firm

2.15 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Act The Wag (S McNeill, 2-1 fav); 2, Gramsci (9-1); 3, Primo Camera (9-1). 12 ran. ½l, 10l. A Turnell. Tote: £3.00; £1.40, £3.60, £2.30. DF: £19.40. CSF: £21.27.

2.45 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Touzla (A S Smith, 7-2); 2, Britannia Mills (9-1); 3, Take The Last (13-2). Antarticterm 6-4 jt-fav. 5 ran. 6l, nk. K Morgan. Tote: £4.90, £1.80, £3.50. DF: £21.40. CSF: £28.05.

3.20 (3m 1f ch) 1, Richardson (D Byrne, 8-11 fav); 2, Master's Crown (11-2); 3, Rustic Sunset (15-8). 4 ran. NR: Maneree. 1½l, 20l. *Jimmy Fitzgerald.* Tote: £1.70. DF: £3.60. CSF: £8.36.

3.55 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Easthorpe (J F Titley, 2-1 fav); 2, Rupples (11-1); 3, Dual Image (7-2). 7 ran. 8l, 2½l. Miss H Knight. Tote: £3.10; £1.90, £3.50. DF: £20.10. CSF: £22.67.

4.30 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Kindle's Delight (J F Titley, 5-1); 2, Col Buckmore (9-2); 3, Mr Taylor (13-2). King Athelstan 11-4 fav. 10 ran. 10l, hd. Miss H Knight. Tote: £6.60; £2.00, £2.40, £2.80. DF: *£20.40. CSF: £31.62. Tricast: £146.10.*

5.00 (2m 4f ch) 1, Chichell's Hurst (R Marley, 9-4); 2, Shoofe (7-4 fav); 3, Charterforhardware (11-2). 6 ran. 20l, nk. Mrs P Sly. Tote: £3.40; £1.40, £1.80. DF: £3.10. CSF, £7.22.

5.30 (1m 5f 110yd flat) 1, Festive Lassie (D Thomas, 4-1), 2, Simply Dashing (4-1); 3, Thursday Night (7-4 fav). 15 ran. NR: Ian's Bid. 5l, 6l. T Barron. Tote: £7.50; £2.10, £2.20, £1.70. DF: £32.60. CSF: £25.77.

Placepot: £221.40. Quadpot: £11.10.

Newton Abbot

Going: good to firm

2.15 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Blasket Hero (S Lyons, 11-2). 2, Nordic Valley (10-1); 3, Fast Run (13-2). Suren 2-1 fav. 9 ran. 6l, 6l. Mrs S Williams. CSF: £55.88. Tricast: £340.42.

2.50 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Reeling (M Foster, 8-1); 2, Tumbled Bride (6-1), 3, Super Sarena (4-1). Clown Around 9-4 fav (pulled up). 7 ran. 2l, 2½l. P Farrell. Tote: £11.30; £4.30, £3.00. DF: £40.40. CSF, £50.12.

3.25 (2m 1f hdle) 1, McGillycuddy Reeks (D Gallagher, 3-1), 2, Lone Risk (2-1), 3, Slurred Image (7-4 fav). 9 ran. 6l, ½l. C Egerton. Tote, £4.40; £1.60, £1.30, £1.50. DF £4.40. CSF £10.12.

4.00 (2m 5f ch) 1, Clear Idea (J Frost, 10-1), 2, Saunders Court (12-1), 3, King's Shilling (5-2 fav). 7 ran. 1l. R Frost. Tote: £9.40, £3.00, £3.60. DF: £31.00. CSF: £36.08.

4.35 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Duke Of Dreams (B Powell, 9-1); 2, Hush Tina (33-1); 3, Exe Cracker (8-1). Mutley 9-4 fav. 12 ran. 2l, 2l. R Baker. Tote: £11.00; £2.90, £7.40, £2.80. DF: £147.00. CSF: £238.44. Tricast: £2,272.10.

5.10 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Kabayil (D Gallagher, 6-4 fav); 2, New Statesman (3-1); 3, Elite Reg (5-2). 4 ran. 11l, 3½l. C Egerton. Tote: £2.60. DF: £3.90. CSF: £5.60.

Placepot: £2,393.20. Quadpot: not won (pool of £176.80 carried forward to Newmarket today).

Plumpton

Going: firm

2.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Tordo (J Railton, 10-11 fav), 2, Ginger Jim (4-1); 3, Count Jester (8-1). 4 ran. 3l, 15l. C Mann. Tote: £1.80. DF: £2.10. CSF: £4.64.

3.00 (2m 2f ch) 1, Black Church (E Murphy, 5-4 fav); 2, Celtic Laird (11-2); 3, Corpus (4-1). 6 ran. 10l, 20l. R Rowe. Tote: £2.50; £1.70, £2.30. DF: £4.30. CSF: £8.24.

3.30 (2m ch) 1, Handsome Ned (D Morris, 11-8 fav); 2, Cotapaxi (4-1); 3, Emallen (40-1). *5 ran. NR: Rawaan. 12l, 4l. D* Grissell. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £1.80. DF: £2.80. CSF: £7.02.

4.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Ivy Edith (G McCourt, 5-6 fav); 2, Indie Rock (5-1); 3, Honey Mason (9-1). 6 ran. 4l, 1¾l. T Mills. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £3.40. DF: £6.80. CSF: £10.46.

4.30 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Donna Del Lago (G McCourt, 8-11 fav); 2, Ivychurch (14-1); 3, April's Baby (3-1). 7 ran. Dist, 14l. Mrs M McCourt. Tote: £1.90; £1.50, £4.40. DF: £7.60. CSF: £11.35.

5.00 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Esprit De Femme (A Tory, 5-1); 2, Karar (13-8 fav); 3, Johnny Will (10-1). 8 ran. NR: Kelly's Darling. 3l, hd. D Browning. Tote: £5.40; £1.70, £1.60, £2.60. DF: £6.60. CSF: £14.37. Tricast: £76.60.

Placepot: £11.00. Quadpot: £8.20.

Towcester

Going: good to firm

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, Chris's Glen (R Farrant, 8-1); 2, Far Out (100-30); 3, Criminal Record (9-1). Fussy Lady 5-2 fav. 12 ran. NR: Tina's Charm. 8l, 10l. J Bradley. Tote: £8.50; £2.50, £1.60, £2.10. DF: £10.60. CSF: £34.22. Tricast: £224.98.

2.45 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Truss (J Supple, 7-2); 2, Sizzling Affair (10-11 fav); 3, Nuclear Express (9-1). 6 ran. 1¾l, 5l. J Upson. Tote: £4.50; £1.60, £1.50. DF: £3.10. CSF: £7.18.

3.15 (3m 1f ch) 1, Invasion (M Brennan, 7-4 fav); 2, Bit Of A Clown (7-2); 3, Sheephaven (5-2). 7 ran. 9l, 5l. O Brennan. Tote: £2.80; £1.50, £2.10. DF: £3.60. CSF: £8.36.

3.50 (3m hdle) 1, Artic Wings (M Brennan, 15-8 fav); 2, Silver Standard (2-1); 3, Sir Crusty (20-1). 6 ran. NR: Cats Run, Uluru. 12l, sh hd. O Brennan. Tote: £2.40; £1.50, £2.00. DF: £2.40. CSF: £5.71. Tricast: £41.73.

4.25 (2m 6f ch) 1, Wild Illusion (Mr J Trice-Rolph, 4-7 fav); 2, Hermes Harvest (6-4). 2 ran. Hd. Miss J Pidgeon. Tote: £1.50.

4.55 (2m hdle) 1, Courtown Boy (V Slattery, 5-2 fav); 2, Kalasadi (3-1); 3, Steve Ford (20-1). 15 ran. NR: Mill O'The Rags, Tondres. 1¼l, 1½l. O O'Neill. Tote: £5.90; £2.40, £2.20, £5.20. DF: £5.40. CSF: £10.70.

Placepot: £20.10. Quadpot: £13.10.

Uttoxeter

Going: good to firm

2.15 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Tenbit (D Walsh, 16-1); 2, Freddie Muck (9-1); 3, Lodestone Lad (16-1). The Shy Padre 7-4 fav. 13 ran. 1l, 14l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £23.90; £3.60, £2.40, £7.60. DF: £109.40. CSF: £143.65. Tricast: £2,139.56.

2.50 (2m 5f ch) 1, Turpin's Green (Mr R Johnson, 7-1); 2, Northern Optimist (8-1); 3, Edward Seymour (16-1). Integrity Boy 5-4 fav. 12 ran. 8l, 6l. J King. Tote: £8.00; £2.80, £1.90, £7.20. DF: £39.20. CSF: £60.20. Tricast: £796.48.

3.25 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Oh So Bright (J A McCarthy, 4-1); 2, Sail By The Stars (6-2); 3, Gale's Pride (3-1 fav). 10 ran. 4l, 2l. O Sherwood. Tote: £3.70; £1.90, £1.60, £1.70. DF; £9.30. CSF: £21.32.

4.00 (3m 2f ch) 1, Real Progress (G Tormey, 9-4 fav); 2, Mailcom (10-1); 3, Easthorpe (8-1). 8 ran. Nk, 2½l. P Hobbs. Tote: £3.20; £1.10, £3.70, £1.90. DF: £26.40. CSF: £23.89. Tricast: £141.12.

4.35 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Glamour Game (A P McCoy, 7-2); 2, Bayerlyka (4-1); 3, Zaitoon (8-1). Emperor Guest 5-4 fav (pu). 9 ran. 7l, 5l. W Jenks. Tote: £4.80; £1.20, £1.30, £2.00. DF: £32.20. CSF: £17.60.

5.10 (2m 5f ch) 1, Knock Rank (T Eley, 7-1); 2, Tug Of Peace (9-2); 3, Lie Detector (9-2). Act Of Parliament 11-8 fav. 7 ran. 3½l, 3½l. E Owen jun. Tote: £8.80; £2.90, £2.40. DF: £26.10. CSF: £36.60.

5.45 (2m flat) 1, Crack On (G Tormey, 6-1); 2, Speedwell Prince (9-2); 3, Macgeorge (8-1). Storm North 3-1 fav. 14 ran. NR: Anglesey Sea View, Stingsby. ¾l, 15l. P Hobbs. Tote: £9.40; £2.80, £2.50, £2.20. DF: £19.40. CSF: £32.56.

6.15 (2m flat) 1, French Buck (Mr M Rimell, 10-1); 2, Melstock Meggie (5-1); 3, El Cordobes (16-1). Ian's Bid 4-1 fav. 16 ran. 1½l, 8l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £19.00; £4.60, £2.00, £4.80. DF, £42.10. CSF: £63.41.

Placepot: £1,971.10. Quadpot: £22.90.

Wetherby

Going: good to firm

2.20 (3m ch) 1, Forward Glen (Richard Guest) walked over. P Cheesbrough.

2.50 (2m hdle) 1, Just Supposen (Richard Guest, 5-2); 2, Heathcote Place (4-1); 3, Aidan Spirit (8-1). 8 ran. 7l, 1½l. B Rothwell. Tote: £3.80; £1.20, £3.60, £1.50. DF: £24.80. CSF: £24.86.

3.20 (2m 7f 110yd hdle) 1, Five Flags (R Wilkinson, 7-2); 2, Aritam (4-1); 3, Dutch Blues (5-1). Who Sir 3-1 fav (pu). 11 ran. NR: Odstone Pear. 1¾l, 8l. Mrs S Smith. Tote: £4.10; £1.80, £1.30, £2.20. DF: £4.80. CSF: £19.88. Tricast: £68.94.

3.50 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Silver Stick (R Garritty, 9-4); 2, Strong Sound (4-1); 3, Armagret (3-1). Pims Gunner 13-8 fav. 4 ran. 13l, 15l. M W Easterby. Tote: £3.30. DF: £3.50. CSF: £9.99.

4.20 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Last Refuge (Richard Guest, 11-8); 2, Vicaridge (4-5 fav); 3, North Pride (8-1). 3 ran. 4l, 8l. T Carr. Tote: £2.10. DF: £1.30. CSF: £2.81.

4.50 (2m hdle) 1, Vishnu (O Pears, 5-4); 2, Wise Advice (Evens fav); 3, Haddon Haugh (16-1). 5 ran. 30l, 1¾l. J Eyre. Tote: £2.50; £1.50, £1.30. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.02.

Placepot: £26.10. Quadpot: £9.90.

Wincanton

Going: firm

2.00 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Blake's Wonder (J R Kavanagh, 7-4); 2, One For George (11-1); 3, Dunnicks Well (20-1). Precious Juno 4-6 fav. 4 ran. 1¾l, dist. R Alner. Tote: £3.20. DF: £4.50. CSF: £13.19.

2.30 (2m 5f ch) 1, Brimpton Bertie (G Upton, 10-11 jt-fav); 2, Larry's Lord (10-11 jt-fav). 2 ran. 3l. D Chappell. Tote: £1.70.

3.00 (2m hdle) 1, Fabulous Princess (T Murphy, 6-1); 2, Northern Starlight (7-2); 3, Flintlock (6-1). War, Well 5-4 fav. 11 ran. 3½l, 4l. C Popham. Tote: £8.10; £2.30, £2.20, £4.20. DF: £12.50. CSF: £21.04.

3.30 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Surcoat (G Upton, 11-4); 2, Borrowed And Blue (10-11 fav); 3, J Brand (11-4). 3 ran. 5l, 25l. R Baker. Tote: £3.40. DF: £1.50. CSF: £5.08.

4.00 (2m ch) 1, What's In Orbit (Guy Lewis, 4-5 fav); 2, Billy Bathgate (5-4). 3 ran. 3l. P Nicholls. Tote: £1.70. DF: £1.60. CSF: £2.06.

4.30 (2m hdle) 1, Winspit (Pat Thompson, 6-1); 2, Herbert Buchanan (2-1 fav); 3, Mutual Memories (11-2). 9 ran. 8l, 3½l. R Alner. Tote: £7.60; £2.00, £1.30, £1.50. DF: £11.80. CSF: £19.09.

Placepot: £166.20. Quadpot: £24.70.

☐ My Melody Parkes strengthened Jack Berry's already growing Royal Ascot team with a debut victory at Newcastle yesterday. She is in line for the Queen Mary Stakes.

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

SCOTTISH GRAND NATIONAL

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GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	A R Dennis	Hills	Ladbrokes
Royal Athlete	7-1	7-1	6-1
Uranus Collonges	12-1	10-1	14-1
Lo Stregone	10-1	11-1	14-1
Arthurs Minstrel	12-1	12-1	10-1
Sweet Duke	10-1	10-1	10-1
Tartan Tyrant	12-1	10-1	10-1
Brackenfield	12-1	12-1	12-1
Musthaveaswig	12-1	12-1	12-1
Meleagris	12-1	10-1	16-1
Willsford	12-1	14-1	12-1

Royal Athlete, the Grand National winner, has been installed favourite by all the bookmakers to complete a double in the Scottish equivalent at Ayr on Saturday. However, with doubts over his participation, there is some good value on offer for some of the other contenders.

Royal Athlete is set to compete off the same handicap mark at Ayr as when winning at Aintree, and would hold obvious claims if his exertions have not taken their toll; but he makes no appeal at a best-priced 7-1.

Nigel Twiston-Davies, who saddled the winner in 1992 and last year again has a strong hand in the race, with Sweet Duke. Dakyns Boy and Petosku all intended runners as long as the ground is not too firm. Sweet Duke makes most appeal of the trio but he is unlikely to have the soft ground which suits him best.

BRACKENFIELD, trained by Mary Reveley, is a better proposition. A fresh horse, having had just three runs this season, he is able to race off the same mark as when winning on his seasonal reappearance at Carlisle, and has shaped as though he will appreciate saturday's step up in distance. With his trainer's string in good form, he is likely to be a popular choice as the race draws nearer and the 12-1 now on offer looks attractive.

Uranus Collonges never looked happy over the National fences when pulled up in the John Hughes Memorial Chase and is 8lb out of the handicap in saturday's race. A greater threat may come from Lo Stregone, who stayed on strongly to take fourth in the Kim Muir at Cheltenham.

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Champion marshals progressive team in bid to celebrate stable's centenary with another title

Stoute tunes up for approach of classic carnival

THE FLAT TRAINERS

by Richard Evans

JULIAN HERBERT

Stoute casts a keen eye towards his string, and a fifth trainers' championship, as the pace of work quickens at Newmarket

Freemason Lodge, the imposing yard run by Michael Stoute, alongside Newmarket's Bury Road, was constructed in 1895 but the champion trainer will be hoping the thoroughbreds housed inside the red brick buildings are the main cause for celebration this summer.

Stoute, a cricket lover who reaches his own half-century in October, is not a man who shouts from the rooftops about his stable's prospects. Far from it, but as he whistles the latest tune from an extensive repertoire even he must be tempted to think privately that 1995 might be a season which deserves a place in history.

As early as last spring he was struck by the quality of the two-year-olds in his care. Youngsters such as Gay Gallanta, who provided Pat and David Thompson of Cheveley Park Stud with their first Royal Ascot victory before going on to group one success; the impeccably-bred Red Carnival, who is unbeaten going into today's Nell Gwyn Stakes, and others including Pure Grain, Dance A Dream and Singspiel. Twelve months on, he remains optimistic.

"I think we have a good all-round team. The three-year-olds are the best we have had for a few years and they are supported by a good bunch of older horses. It doesn't mean you have a real star there, but I think we have more strength in depth than for a while."

Strong stuff, especially coming after a year which saw Stoute become champion trainer for the fourth time without the assistance of a Shergar or Shahrastani. The older horses, led by Ezzoud, the International Stakes winner, and Soviet Line, who landed the Hong Kong International Bowl in December, provided the backbone to success and will play an important role this term.

"They are a joy to train. They are stronger, more mature and you know more about them. We have not been able to do it in the past but times have changed and stallion fees dropped dramatically. A lot of those horses have to stay in training to accomplish more before they get a stud job. It is great to have them around."

Soviet Line and Sacrament head the older generation with Green Green Desert. The latter, always highly rated, was not strong enough last season to do himself justice. Now gelded, "he will improve a lot". Sadler's Image received a favourable mention, as did Zilzal Zamaan, who has matured and is significantly stronger.

However, as the Flat season begins in earnest at the Craven meeting this afternoon, the talk is of classic hopes and dreams. Stoute is a master with fillies and Red Carnival, a $750,000 daughter of Mr Prospector, has enjoyed a special place in his affections from the moment he spotted her at the Keeneland July Sales. "She has one of the nicest pedigrees in the stud book and has always been a natural. From February last year you knew this was a good filly. She really stared at you."

After winning the Cherry Hinton Stakes, she suffered some stiffness in a shoulder before injuring herself in her box, which put paid to hopes of running in the Moyglare Stakes. The Stoute team decided wisely to put her away for the winter. As she worked on Newmarket's sun-kissed gallops last week, partnered by Greville Starkey on Tuesday and Walter Swinburn on Friday, her quality shone through when quickening past her galloping companions in a matter of strides. "She's a powerful filly now, has grown three-quarters of an inch and developed well," Stoute confirmed. "She quickens up sharply."

While Red Carnival tackles the Nell Gwyn and Gay Gallanta heads for the Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury on Friday in preparation for the 1,000 Guineas, Stoute's plans for his colts are more fluid. "We don't know as much about the colts because most of them had a bit of size and were more slow maturing. We have also had some frustrating little setbacks. I am still in the learning process with them, but I think there are some promising colts. I don't know if we will have a top-class one, but we have a team with potential."

At this early stage, Desert Courier, winner of his only start at Newbury last term, receives a favourable mention along with Night Hero, who did not appreciate soft ground on his final start. Singspiel, runner-up to Celtic Swing at Ascot, has wintered particularly well "and I like the way he has developed".

After 15 years at the top of his profession, Stoute is arguably at the peak of his powers. That experience is backed up by a fierce desire to succeed. "Winning matters. It matters to you and everybody around you. There is such a team involvement with this game and success helps the attitude of all that are with you."

Stoute, cricketer or trainer, is a team man. Stuart Messenger, brother-in-law of Jimmy Scott, the travelling head lad, joined from school 17 years ago and is now head lad at Freemason Lodge; Declan Daly fulfils the same role at Stoute's other yard, Beech Hurst. In the office, Amanda Tanner and Janet Anderson are equally important in keeping a multi-million pound business on the road. Each contributes to the rhythm of a yard which looks set to celebrate its centenary in style.

Nap: RED CARNIVAL
(3.40 Newmarket)
Next best: Vaugrenier
(2.00 Newmarket)

TRAINER'S TIPS

Two-year-old
GOLD SPATS
Three-year-old
SINGSPIEL
Older horse
ZILZAL ZAMAAN

THUNDERER

2.00 Sebastian
2.35 Alarming
3.05 Lake Coniston
3.40 Red Carnival
4.15 Top Cees
4.45 IBLIS (nap)
5.20 Mezaan

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Sebastian. 3.40 RED CARNIVAL (nap). 4.45 Otterbourne.

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ...... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 CONSTANT SECURITY MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £5,117: 1m 4f) (12 runners)

101 (10) 392- ANCHOR CLEVER 177 (O Pedroni) P Kelleway 9-0 ...... J Weaver 74
102 (1) 0-3 ASTROLABE 26 (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 9-0 ...... M Hills 82
103 (11) 4 BLUE SMOKE 16 (Baroche Stud Ltd) B McMahon 9-0 ...... K Fallon 75
104 (9) 0 CROSS TALK 13 (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 9-0 ...... T Ives —
105 (12) FORESWORN (Hong Kong Presidents) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 ...... Paul Eddery —
106 (7) GENERAL ASSEMBLY (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) H Cecil 9-0 ...... K McGlone —
107 (6) 332- ROYAL SCIMITAR 171 (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-0 ...... T Quinn [illegible]
108 (2) SEBASTIAN (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 9-0 ...... W Ryan —
109 (8) 0- SHAWAHIN 182 (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 ...... W Carson —
110 (3) 0- SOLATIUM 185 (K Abdulla) J Gosden 9-0 ...... L Dettori —
111 (5) 0- TORCH VERT 203 (J Hanson) B Hills 9-0 ...... R Hills 71
112 (4) 55- VAUGRENIER 174 (R Twigden) R Hannon 9-0 ...... Pat Eddery 81

BETTING: 2-1 Sebastian, 5-1 General Assembly, Royal Scimitar, 7-1 Solatium, 10-1 Vaugrenier, 12-1 others.

1994: NEW REPUTATION 9-0 M Hills (6-1) B Hills 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANCHOR CLEVER 1¾l 2nd of 5 to Samraan in conditions race at Turin (1m, heavy). ASTROLABE 8½l 3rd of 12 to San Victor in maiden at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good). BLUE SMOKE 17l 4th of 6 to Lord Jim in maiden at Leicester (1m 4f, soft). ROYAL SCIMITAR head 2nd of 9 to Double Eclipse in listed race at Newmarket (1m 2f, soft). Previously 3½l 3rd of 28 to Vettori in maiden at Newmarket (1m, good) with VAUGRENIER 5½l 5th and SHAWAHIN about 12½l 19th. SEBASTIAN. Half-brother by Sadler's Wells to Sardegna, smart middle-distance performer; dam half-sister to Derby winner Slip Anchor, group II Lancashire Oaks winner. VAUGRENIER about 6¼l 5th of 15 to Tollkey in maiden at Yarmouth (1m, good).
Selection: ROYAL SCIMITAR

2.35 RACING & FOOTBALL OUTLOOK MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £5,208: 6f) (12 runners) C4

201 (12) 0- BEDOUIN INVADER 185 (S Suhail) M Stoute 9-0 ...... W R Swinburn 78
202 (10) 5- DOUBLE MATT 289 (A Merritt) R Hannon 9-0 ...... J Reid 93
203 (11) 0 HOT SNAP 34 (Prudence Lady Salt) C Wall 9-0 ...... G Duffield —
204 (8) 4- MAGNIFICENT DEVIL 211 (J Abbotson) J Watts 9-0 ...... B Thomson 52
205 (6) 0- MISTER RM 138 (RM Partnership Architectural Consultants) R Guest 9-0 ...... K Fallon —
206 (9) 0- MOUSEHOLE 172 (A Lindsay & Mrs J Kaul) R Guest 9-0 ...... W Woods —
207 (1) 04- MUTABASSIM 165 (H Al Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0 ...... W Carson 67
208 (3) 22853- TWICE AS SHARP 172 (Fezmulu Twelve) P Harris 9-0 ...... Pat Eddery [illegible]
209 (4) 0- ALARMING 235 (K Abdulla) J Gosden 8-9 ...... L Dettori 78
210 (5) 00- DISTANT PRINCESS 176 (W Said) B Hills 8-9 ...... M Hills 65
211 (2) 5 FAIRY WIND 14 (N Callaghan) N Callaghan 8-9 ...... R Cochrane 70
212 (7) 50- SOOTY 185 (Mrs R Jones) H Thomson Jones 8-9 ...... R Hills 77

BETTING: 7-2 Alarming, 5-1 Double Matt, Twice As Sharp, 6-1 Bedouin Invader, 7-1 Fairy Wind, 8-1 others.

1994: NUMBERED ACCOUNT 9-0 M Hills (15-2) W Haggas 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEDOUIN INVADER 8¾l 12th of 19 to Grandfeare in maiden at Doncaster (7f, soft). DOUBLE MATT about 2¾l 5th of 9 to Fumes Tacet in maiden at Ascot (6f, good to firm). MAGNIFICENT DEVIL 7¾l 4th of 15 to Stylish Ways in maiden at Nottingham (6f, soft). MUTABASSIM 12¾l 4th of 19 to Taipan in maiden at Doncaster (7f, soft). TWICE AS SHARP about 2¾l 5th of 26 to Maid For Walking in auction at Redcar (6f, good) on penultimate start. ALARMING 8l 8th of 18 to Spout in maiden here (7f, good).
Selection: DOUBLE MATT

3.05 ABERNANT STAKES (Listed race: £12,035: 6f) (11 runners) C4

301 (11) 021411- LAKE CONISTON 206 (D,F,G) (Highclere Racing Ltd) G Lewis 4-9-8 ...... Pat Eddery [illegible]
302 (6) 40400-0 AMRON 24 (D,F,G,S) (R Peebles) J Berry 8-9-5 ...... N Carlisle 80
303 (1) 12116-2 DOUBLE BLUE 24 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (R Huggins) M Johnston 6-9-5 ...... D Holland 91
304 (5) 30250-4 HARD TO FIGURE 24 (CD,F,G,S) (J Manson) R Hodges 9-9-5 ...... R Cochrane 96
305 (4) 30550-4 MONTENDRE 24 (CD,F,G) (D Moor) M McCormack 8-9-5 ...... M J Kinane 90
306 (2) 09121-3 BRANSTON ABBY 10 (CD,F,G,S) (J Abell) M Johnston 6-9-1 ...... J Reid 96
307 (7) 31500-0 WELSH MIST 10 (D,F,G) (P Asquith) R Boss 4-9-1 ...... W Ryan 92
308 (8) 122111- WINDMACHINE 198 (D,G,S) (S Figueroa) S Olson (Nor) 4-9-1 ...... Yvonne Durant 98
309 (10) 0111-31 TRIPLE JOY 63 (D,G) (Helmsmooth Stud) M Prescott 4-8-11 ...... G Duffield 86
310 (5) 1130- TAJANNUB 203 (CD,F) (H Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-8-5 ...... W Carson 87
311 (3) 113140- OM BOM BOM 197 (D,F,S) (Y Bitar) M Bell 3-8-4 ...... M Fenton 90

BETTING: 7-2 Lake Coniston, 5-1 Montendre, Double Blue, 6-1 Hard To Figure, Branston Abby, 10-1 others.

1994: MIDNISH 4-9-2 W R Swinburn (100-30) B Hanbury 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

LAKE CONISTON beat First Trump 1l in 11-runner group II Diadem Stakes at Ascot (6f, good) with HARD TO FIGURE (2lb better off) 5¾l 8th and MONTENDRE (2lb better off) 2l 10th. Previously MONTENDRE beat First Trump 2¾l in 8-runner group III Prix De Meautry at Deauville (6f, good). MONTENDRE beat Sharp Prod neck in 11-runner listed race at Doncaster (6f, good to firm) with DOUBLE BLUE (5lb better off) neck 3rd. HARD TO FIGURE (3lb better off) ¾l 4th and AMRON (3lb better off) about 5l 7th. BRANSTON ABBY short-head and neck 3rd of 12 to Blue Siren (later disqualified and placed 2nd) in listed race at Beverley (5f, good to firm) with WELSH MIST about 5¾l 12th. WINDMACHINE beat Palacegate Episode 3¾l in 9-runner listed race at Dortmund (5f, soft). TRIPLE JOY beat Crystal Heights 7l in 8-runner handicap at Lingfield (AW, 6f). TAJANNUB 2¾l 3rd of 9 to Pure Grain in group 3 Prestige Stakes at Goodwood (7f, good).
Selection: LAKE CONISTON

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Hodges	3	16	18.8	Pat Eddery	89	456	19.5
H Cecil	45	257	17.9	M J Kinane	10	56	17.9
J Gosden	50	303	16.5	W R Swinburn	56	342	16.4
P Chapple-Hyam	15	93	16.3	J Weaver	14	97	14.4
P Makin	11	73	15.1	C Hodgson	6	43	14.0
P Cole	24	167	14.4	L Dettori	62	464	13.4

3.40 SHADWELL STUD NELL GWYN STAKES C4
(Group III: 3-Y-O fillies: £22,589: 7f) (9 runners)

401 (3) 33321- GERMANE 186 (CD,F) (E Kessly) M Bell 8-12 ...... M Fenton 93
402 (5) 11- RED CARNIVAL 287 (C,F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 8-12 W R Swinburn 98
403 (2) 413- DASHING WATER 178 (D,S) (J Smith) I Balding 8-9 ...... L Dettori 86
404 (1) 1- EPAGRIS 199 (C,G) (Mrs H Cambanis) H Cecil 8-9 ...... W Ryan 95
405 (9) 12325- MYSELF 203 (G) (Bloomsbury Stud) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9 ...... J Reid [illegible]
406 (7) 3-2 PARIS BABE 12 (Mrs S Parry) D Morris 8-9 ...... G Duffield 82
407 (4) 134553- PEARL VENTURE 215 (F) (F Chao) S Woods 8-9 ...... W Woods 81
408 (8) 21- TRIMMING 171 (CD,S) (K Abdulla) J Gosden 8-9 ...... Pat Eddery 75
409 (6) 421- WITH THE FAIRIES 297 (CD,G) (Mrs J Magnier) R Hannon 8-9 ...... M J Kinane 71

BETTING: 2-1 Red Carnival, 3-1 Epagris, 5-1 Myself, 6-1 Germane, Trimming, 7-1 Dashing Water, 10-1 others.

1994: MEHTHAAF 8-9 W Carson (100-30) J Dunlop 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

GERMANE beat Subya head in group III Rockfel Stakes over course and distance (good to firm). RED CARNIVAL beat Harayir short-head in group III Cherry Hinton Stakes on the July Course here (6f, good to firm) with MYSELF (3lb better off) 1¾l 3rd. DASHING WATER head and 3½l 3rd of 9 to Circa in listed race at Newbury (7f 64yd, heavy). EPAGRIS beat Aldaneh 10l in 11-runner maiden here (6f, good). MYSELF about 2l 5th of 10 to Gay Gallanta in group I Cheveley Park Stakes here (6f, good). PARIS BABE neck 2nd of 6 to Bandecah in conditions race at Leicester (6f, good). PEARL VENTURE 3¾l 3rd of 5 to Tasami in conditions race at Yarmouth (6f, soft). TRIMMING beat First Amendment 3l in 17-runner maiden over course and distance (soft). WITH THE FAIRIES beat Elfish ½l in maiden on the July course here (7f, good).
Selection: RED CARNIVAL (nap)

4.15 NGK SPARK PLUGS SWAFFHAM HANDICAP C4
(£8,155: 1m 6f) (16 runners)

501 (4) 40/5523- NOT IN DOUBT 380 (D,F) (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 6-10-0 ...... W Newnes 83
502 (15) 4801/1-4 DREAMS END 10J (C,D,G,S) (T Price) B Llewellyn 7-9-10 ...... J Weaver [illegible]
503 (6) 0/41250- SIMAFAR 156 (F) (P Jacobs) N Graham 4-9-2 ...... Pat Eddery —
504 (3) 222311- TRANS SIBERIA 165 (CD,F,G,S) (H Lasko) S Woods 4-9-2 ...... W Woods 96
505 (13) 125112- WELL BELOVED 202 (D,F,G,S) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 4-9-1 ...... W Ryan 92
506 (11) 62314-0 POLO KIT 17 (D,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 4-9-1 ...... D Harrison 91
507 (2) 11114-6 CHIMANIMANI 17 (F,G) (Bank View Hire Ltd) N Tinkler 4-9-0 ...... G Duffield 88
508 (10) 210100- RUMI 53J (F,G) (Ellis Racing Club) C Egerton 4-8-13 ...... B Thomson 97
509 (9) 632215- TUDOR ISLAND 180 (CD,F,G) (D Sieff) C Brittain 6-8-11 ...... M Rimmer 91
510 (5) 244012- THUNDERHEART 180 (F) (Consultco Ltd) L Cumani 4-8-11 ...... L Dettori 86
511 (16) 228110- MICROLITE 32J (B,C,F) (J Brown) M Hammond 4-8-9 ...... T Quinn 88
512 (12) 58840-6 TOP CEES 26 (G) (P Leonard) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-9 ...... K Fallon 95
513 (6) 000312/ SWORD MASTER 58J (G) (I Vogt) B Jones 6-8-8 ...... R Cochrane —
514 (7) 210050- ISLAND BLADE 179 (D,F,G,S) (Lime Street Racing Synd) R Akehurst 6-7-11 J Quinn 91
515 (1) 125814 HEAD TURNER 12 (D,G,S) (J Jarrard) C Wildman 7-7-7 ...... N Adams 80
516 (14) 000-005 GUARDS BRIGADE 11 (G) (C Barber-Lomax) J Hetherton 4-7-7 ...... N Kennedy 84

Long handicap: Head Turner 5-13, Guards Brigade 6-11.

BETTING: 5-1 Well Beloved, 11-2 Trans Siberia, 7-1 Thunderheart, 8-1 Sword Master, Top Cees, 10-1 Microlite, Not In Doubt, 12-1 others.

1994: KADASTROF 4-8-5 T Quinn (11-2) R Dickin 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

DREAMS END 6¼l 4th of 11 to Fire Worshipper in conditions race at Doncaster (1m 4f, good to firm). TRANS SIBERIA beat One Voice 3l in 8-runner conditions race at Doncaster (1m 6f 110yd, soft). WELL BELOVED 4l 2nd of 3 to Silence In Court in handicap at Newcastle (2m, good). POLO KIT best effort last season, beat Pat's Time 1¾l in 15-runner handicap at Sandown (1m 6f, good). CHIMANIMANI beat Solomon's Dancer head in 5-runner handicap at Thirsk (1m 4f, firm) July 1994. TUDOR ISLAND beat Transom 1¾l in handicap over course and distance (good to firm) on penultimate start, with TRANS SIBERIA (1lb worse off) neck 3rd. THUNDERHEART 1¾l 2nd to Altadala in handicap at Pontefract (2m 2f, good to soft). TOP CEES about 5¾l 6th of 23 to Achilles Heel in apprentices handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, good).
Selection: TRANS SIBERIA

4.45 CHRIS BLACKWELL MEMORIAL HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £5,952: 7f) (11 runners)

601 (4) 01083- AXEMAN 178 (F) (The Winning Team) R Hannon 9-7 ...... Pat Eddery 88
602 (9) 11680-2 TILER 24 (D,F,S) (Mrs C Robinson) M Johnston 9-0 ...... D Holland 92
603 (11) 020130- SUE'S RETURN 193 (S) (A Morton) A Jarvis 9-0 ...... B Thomson 80
604 (3) 122- ILTIMAS 194 (G) (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0 ...... R Hills 91
605 (8) 425- OTTERBOURNE 270 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-12 ...... L Dettori 80
606 (1) 033130- NOBLE KINGDOM 187 (C,G) (The Fairy Story Partnership) R Akehurst 8-10 T Quinn 84
607 (7) 120- JAWLAAT 214 (G) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-6 ...... W Carson 94
608 (2) 42103- IBLIS 192 (G) (Mrs N Becher) G Wragg 8-6 ...... M Hills [illegible]
609 (6) 3101-00 FAME AGAIN 10 (D,S) (M Charlton) Mrs J Ramsden 8-1 ...... D Harrison 95
610 (3) 510363- SINGING ROCK 182 (F) (G Shepshire) R Hannon 7-10 ...... T Williams 87
611 (10) 085010- MISS MERCY 203 (S) (J Lewis) C Allen 7-7 ...... J Quinn 88

BETTING: 9-2 Iltimas, 5-1 Tiler, 6-1 Otterbourne, 7-1 Noble Kingdom, Iblis, 8-1 Jawlaat, 10-1 others.

1994: WIZARD KING 7-7 J Lowe (7-1) M Prescott 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

AXEMAN about 3¾l 5th of 26 to Maid For Walking in auction race at Redcar (6f, good) on penultimate start, with TILER (10lb better off) 7¾l 10th. TILER 3l 2nd of 15 to Mister Fire Eyes in handicap at Doncaster (7f, good to firm). SUE'S RETURN short-head and ¾l 3rd of 21 to Caerphilly in nursery at Newmarket (7f, good) on penultimate start, with SINGING ROCK (10lb better off) 7¾l 13th and MISS MERCY (13lb better off) short-head 15th. ILTIMAS ½l 2nd of 4 to Twilight Patrol in conditions race at York (7f, good to soft). OTTERBOURNE 2¾l 2nd of 12 to Festive in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good) on penultimate start. NOBLE KINGDOM 5¾l 7th of 21 to Wardara in nursery at Newmarket (6f, good) on penultimate start. JAWLAAT 4l 2nd of 4 to Lovely Millie in conditions race at York (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. IBLIS beat Prince's Feather 1¾l in 7-runner maiden at York (6f, good) September 1994.
Selection: ILTIMAS

5.20 MUSEUM MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £5,390: 1m 2f) (13 runners)

1 (13) 00- BIRTHDAY BOY 183 (Mrs D Cecil) R Hannon 9-0 ...... T Quinn 77
2 (10) 5- BURNING 172 (K Dasmal) G Harwood 9-0 ...... M Hills 89
3 (4) CHALK CIRCLE (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ...... J Carroll —
4 (2) COBURG (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0 ...... M J Kinane —
5 (11) 2002-26 KOMODO 17 (R Richards) D Elsworth 9-0 ...... D Harrison 88
6 (1) 4-0 LUSO 24 (S Manara) C Brittain 9-0 ...... B Doyle 88
7 (9) 4- MEZAAN 172 (Mana Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 ...... W R Swinburn [illegible]
8 (12) 3- NINE BARROW DOWN 272 (Hill Top) H Cecil 9-0 ...... A McGlone 86
9 (5) 2- OKAVANGO 235 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ...... L Dettori 92
10 (8) 6- PRUSSIAN BLUE 174 (L Marinopoulos) H Cecil 9-0 ...... W Ryan 83
11 (6) SANMARTINO (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0 ...... Pat Eddery —
12 (7) 0- SNOW VALLEY 303 (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-0 ...... C Hodgson (3) —
13 (3) SAN PIETRA (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ...... J Reid —

BETTING: 5-1 Nine Barrow Down, 11-2 Coburg, 6-1 Mezaan, San Pietra, Okavango, 8-1 Sanmartino, 10-1 others.

1994: SIEVE OF TIME 9-0 M Roberts (12-1) C Brittain 23 ran

FORM FOCUS

BIRTHDAY BOY 7¼l 8th of 12 to Mystic Quest in maiden at Nottingham (1m, good to firm). CHALK CIRCLE. Half-brother by Sadler's Wells to top-class middle-distance performer Belmez. LUSO 8¾l 9th of 10 to Jayash in conditions race at Doncaster (1m, good to firm). MEZAAN 5l 4th of 7 to Pipe Major in conditions race at Newmarket (1m, good) with BURNING 5l 5th. NINE BARROW DOWN 4¾l 3rd to Tamayaz in maiden at Sandown (7f, good to firm). OKAVANGO head 2nd to Classic Cliche in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good). PRUSSIAN BLUE 9¾l 6th to Tadley in maiden at Yarmouth (1m, good) with KOMODO 8¾l 7th. SANMARTINO. Half-brother by Salse to high-class middle-distance performer Urban Reprieve.
Selection: OKAVANGO

☐ Celtic Swing will face a strong challenge on his seasonal reappearance in the group three Greenham Stakes at Newbury on Saturday. Lady Herries's 2,000 Guineas and Derby favourite will face a maximum of 12 rivals, including the André Fabre-trained Diffident and Paul Cole's Green Perfume.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

NEWMARKET
C4

2.35: Bedouin Invader, who cost 120,000 guineas as a yearling, will improve for his experience in an end-of-season maiden but may find Alarming too good. The John Gosden-trained filly disputed the lead for five furlongs behind Spout in a maiden last August before being eased several lengths once beaten. She still recorded a respectable time and should appreciate this shorter trip. Twice As Sharp is exposed and may not be suited by this fast ground leaving Double Matt, whose only run was in a good race at Ascot last term, as the main threat.

3.05: Lake Coniston, who *ended last season an impressive winner of the Diadem Stakes, is the clear form choice. He recorded an outstanding time at Ascot and could progress further this season. Montendre's advancing years did not prevent him winning a listed race at Doncaster and the eight-year-old will be thereabouts, but Tajannub may be a bigger threat. A winner on her debut last term before taking the Princess Margaret Stakes, she is well regarded and Robert Armstrong's string appears forward.*

3.40: Michael Stoute's horses are in good form and Always Aloof, a winner at Kempton yesterday, was one of those Red Carnival swept past during an impressive work-out at Newmarket last week. She is unlikely to be fully wound up after a long lay-off but will still be fairly straight in condition. Epagris won a Newmarket maiden impressively by ten lengths last season and has been gradually coming to hand. She has scope for considerable improvement along with Trimming, who spreadeagled a well contested maiden race at Newmarket last October.

4.15: *These early-season handicaps are best treated with caution.* **Trans Siberia** progressed well towards the end of last season and should win more races. The slight worry is that he has run disappointingly on both his seasonal debuts.

Polo Kit ran far better than his finishing position indicated at Warwick 17 days ago, while Top Cees looks sure to step up on a good first run at Doncaster with Kieran Fallon taking over from an inexperienced apprentice.

RICHARD EVANS

WETHERBY

THUNDERER

2.15 Flat Top. 2.50 Newlands-General. 3.20 Couture Stockings. 3.55 The Boiler White. 4.30 Country Tarrogen. 5.05 Weaver George.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 FLAT TOP.

Brian Beel: 4.30 Country Tarrogen.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.15 CRUCKLEY ANIMAL FARM NOVICES HURDLE
(£3,090: 2m 4f 110yd) (14 runners)

1 1 CUTTHROAT KID 18F (V,D,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-6 P Niven 85
2 240- ALJADEER 13F (B) M W Easterby 6-11-0 ...... J Driscoll (7) 92
3 0P0 BENDOR MARK 6 M Wilkinson 5-11-0 ...... R Supple 62
4 2-50 EALING COURT 34 (B,G) H Oliver 6-11-0 ...... V Slattery 98
5 -065 GARBO'S BOY 17 J Turner 5-11-0 ...... W Fry (5) —
6 53-0 GRAND AS OWT 94 D McCune 5-11-0 ...... K Johnson —
7 4000 GREET THE GREEK 15 Mrs S Bramall 6-11-0 ...... J Burke —
8 U040 HARRYS HARVEST 31 Mrs S Smith 6-11-0 ...... Richard Guest 72
9 0-00 RUSTIC BRIDGE 15 P Calver 6-11-0 ...... J Callaghan 58
10 P000 SUGGESTION 7 G Coatsworth 7-11-0 ...... A Larnach (3) —
11 /03 TOPSAWYER 144 (F) Miss S Hall 7-11-0 ...... — 65
12 00P WILLERFOSS 14 B Rothwell 5-11-0 ...... A A Smith —
13 521F FLAT TOP 14 (S) M W Easterby 4-10-13 ...... R Dunwoody [illegible]
14 P00U MAKENA 28 Mrs A Tomlinson 5-10-9 ...... Mr K Green —

5-4 Cutthroat Kid, 3-1 Aljadeer, 4-1 Flat Top, 7-1 Ealing Court, 14-1 others.

2.50 SION HILL HALL HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,338: 2m) (7)

1 1241 NEWLANDS-GENERAL 43 (CD,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-12 P Niven 86
2 FP53 BORO SMACKEROO 7 (D,F,G,S) J Johnson 10-11-4 N Williamson [illegible]
3 P412 ISSYIN 14 (B,D,G,S) M W Easterby 8-11-1 ...... R Dunwoody 94
4 /3-P PALMRUSH 77 (C,D,F,G) M Hammond 11-10-13 ...... A Maguire 83
5 U-6P FULL O'PRAISE 148 (D,F,G) P Calver 8-10-13 ...... — 84
6 2463 DR ROCKET 21 (CD,F,G,S) R Dickin 10-10-12 D Meredith (3) 98
7 0245 BOSSBURG 27 (B,D,S) D McCain 8-10-0 ...... D Gallagher 72

2-1 Newlands-General, 11-4 Dr Rocket, 3-1 Issyin, 5-1 Boro Smackeroo, 12-1 Palmrush, 20-1 Full O'Praise, Bossburg.

3.20 TRANSPERIENCE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£4,208: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 3102 CALL MY GUEST 11 (CD,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-12-0 E Callaghan (7) 92
2 -503 SO PROUD 12 (D,F,S) S Mellor 10-11-13 ...... R Dunwoody 96
3 5353 COUTURE STOCKINGS 28 (CD,F,G,S) J Mackie 11-11-6 N Williamson 98
4 0400 HIS WAY 34 (F,G,S) J Johnson 6-11-2 ...... A Maguire 93
5 0021 TIGHTER BUDGET 7 (F,S) Mrs E Slack 8-10-4 (6ex) K Johnson 93
6 -50P KNOCKAVERRY 80 (G,S) M Wilkinson 7-10-0 ...... R Supple [illegible]
7 4P1- KENMORE-SPEED 381 (D,F,S) Mrs S Smith 8-10-0 Richard Guest 91

9-4 Call My Guest, 3-1 So Proud, 7-2 Couture Stockings, 9-2 others.

3.55 WETHERBY NOVICES NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (£6,791: 3m 5f) (7)

1 1316 THE BOILER WHITE 19 (F,S) T Thomson Jones 7-11-10 M A Fitzgerald [illegible]
2 F211 TWIN STATES 17 (F,G,S) J Turner 6-11-8 ...... W Fry (5) 89
3 132P COUNTORUS 34 (G,S) J Johnson 9-11-7 ...... A Maguire 97
4 824P SNOOK POINT 31 D Lamb 8-10-9 ...... Mr A Manners (7) 95
5 4F33 WOODLANDS POWER 13 P Pritchard 7-10-0 ...... R Davis 87
6 0045 RIVER BEE 7 W Reed 6-10-0 ...... Mr C Bonner (5) 90
7 8P42 SQUIRES TALE 31P (B,F) W Bethell 7-10-0 ...... N Williamson —

8-4 Twin States, 9-4 The Boiler White, 5-1 Countorus, 8-1 River Bee, 10-1 Snook Point, 14-1 Squires Tale, 33-1 Woodlands Power.

4.30 KIRKLEES LIGHT RAILWAY NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,909: 3m 110yd) (10)

1 3U26 CONVINCING 12 J Comforth 11-11-12 ...... P Comforth (7) 85
2 -40U COT LANE 35 (F,G) J Walmsley 10-11-12 ...... R Walmsley (7) 83
3 1113 COUNTRY TARROGEN 25 (CD,G,S) T Walford 6-11-12 N Wilson (5) 93
4 -02F DEISE MARSHALL 7 P Cheesbrough 7-11-12 A Manners (7) —
5 1F46 GAELIC WARRIOR 24P (S) Mrs E Clark 8-11-12 ...... S Swiers —
6 1/32 MERINO WALTZ 17P (F) L Bowles 9-11-12 ...... R Johnson (7) —
7 5120 MONAUGHTY MAN 11 (S) E Caine 9-11-12 ...... K Green (7) [illegible]
8 1U03 POLITICO POT 17P (S) C Peckett 8-11-12 ...... S Whitaker (7) —
9 6P13 SYRUS P TURNTABLE 24P (G) Miss P Fitton 9-11-12 D Sherlock (7) —
10 P YOUNG DUBLINER 17D Mrs J Brown 6-11-12 R H Brown (5) —

4-6 Country Tarrogen, 3-1 Monaughty Man, 8-1 Cot Lane, 16-1 Convincing, Deise Marshall, Gaelic Warrior, 20-1 others.

5.05 YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE TOURIST BOARD HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,020: 2m) (11)

1 1100 BRAMBLEBERRY 10 (CD,G,S) Mrs S Smith 6-11-10 Richard Guest 95
2 042F BEND SABLE 39 (CD,F,S) F Storey 5-11-8 ...... B Storey 98
3 -231 LITTLE BROMLEY 25 (D,F,S) A Eubank 8-11-3 Mr A Manners (7) 97
4 5P10 MAJAL 15 (D,F,G) J Wainwright 6-11-2 ...... P Midgley (3) 93
5 0034 WEAVER GEORGE 15 (CD,F,G) J Hellens 5-11-0 N Williamson 95
6 2121 SYLVAN SABRE 17 (D,F,G) K Morgan 6-10-10 ...... A S Smith 97
7 -844 IMHOTEP 43 (D,F,G) W Cunningham 8-10-5 ...... W Fry (5) 84
8 P505 TIP IT IN 5 (D,G,S) A Smith 8-10-2 ...... S Turner 96
9 3232 SHAHGRAM 17 (S) P Beaumont 7-10-2 ...... R Supple [illegible]
10 000- BRIGGS LAD 11F (B,D,F) P Dalton 6-10-0 ...... A P McCoy 96
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Fairyhouse triumph for Osborne

JAMIE OSBORNE gave the *top-weight, Flashing Steel, a superb ride to win the Jameson Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse yesterday (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).*

Rust Never Sleeps, a 50-1 *outsider*, led at the third last and went clear a fence later. However, Osborne galvanised his giant chaser on the run-in to prevail in the shadow of the post to win by half a length.

"The second quickened six or eight lengths clear at the second last but I was always quietly confident I'd get there," Osborne said. "This horse really gets going and at the last I felt I was odds-on to get there," Osborne said.

Mary Reveley's Mr Boston started favourite but unseated Peter Niven four out when in contention. "He didn't see the fence when Belvederian jumped into me and I was knocked out of the saddle," Niven said. The other British-trained runner, Antonin, finished seventh for John Burke and Sue Bramall.

Mark Dwyer was taken to hospital for x-rays for a suspected fractured right elbow after his mount, Sullane River, fell at the fifth.

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Illingworth must end captaincy speculation

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE first task on which Raymond Illingworth will be judged, now that he is the fully accountable head of England cricket affairs, is the appointment of a captain for this summer. What matters is not only who is named but how and when, and the greatest fascination of the next four days in Birmingham will be in the waiting for the pronouncement of the chairman.

Cricket's concession to a showpiece start to the season involves a match between the county champions and England A, which, in competitive terms, is a great irrelevance. Even the interest in how Warwickshire can hope to follow last summer's domination and whether the successes of the A-team tour to India can graduate to Test level will, inevitably, be overshadowed by the noises emanating from the committee rooms of Edgbaston.

There, Illingworth will be joined by his shrunken selection team. With the manager having handed over his duties to the chairman and the captain not yet installed, only Fred Titmus and David Graveney will be present. As this is their first meeting since the winter tours, and in Graveney's case a selection committee debut, they may be as fascinated as everyone else to hear Illingworth's view of the immediate future for Michael Atherton.

ENGLAND A

A P Wells (Sussex, captain), G Chapple (Lancashire), D G Cork (Derbyshire), J E R Gallian (Lancashire), D L Hemp (Glamorgan) M C Ilott (Essex), P A Nixon (Leicestershire), M M Patel (Kent), M R Ramprakash (Middlesex), R D Stemp (Yorkshire), M P Vaughan (Yorkshire), P N Weekes (Middlesex).

Thus far, the all-powerful chairman has been curiously and uncharacteristically reticent whenever Atherton's position has been put to him, declining even to hint that his reappointment is a formality that has only to be put through the proper channels. He has also prepared the ground for a further delay in the decision by suggesting that the selectors may not be in immediate accord on the matter.

Inevitably, such prevarication has bred speculation, most of it vacuous guesswork, that Illingworth wants a change. As there is only one conceivable alternative to Atherton, Alec Stewart is, in some quarters, being prepared for the crown even now.

It is disturbing that this situation has arisen because, to the vast majority of those who participated in or observed at full length the winter Ashes series — which Illingworth did not — Atherton came home with his reputation undamaged, if not positively enhanced. Of course, he made mistakes. His body language might occasionally have been forlorn and his tactics were once or twice overcautious. But he withstood considerable strain, batted heroically and emerged with the respect of every last man in his team. To jettison him now would be to waste the faith and progress of almost two years.

Given this scenario, it will be deplorable if Illingworth prolongs the appointment process and invites ever more in the way of rumour — unless, of course, he really is considering dismissing Atherton, which would constitute one of the most outlandish selection decisions of recent times. To dispose of Atherton now would also make Illingworth publicly and demonstrably responsible for whatever might follow against West Indies, a consequence he might find ill-judged.

In all probability, Illingworth's motive is to emphasise his authority. During the winter, Atherton had plenty to say, perhaps too much for his own good, about the make-up of the selection panel and its method of operation, concluding with the view that the captain should pretty much have the players with whom he felt most comfortable.

Illingworth will certainly be keen to stress that it is he, not the captain, who has the final say on all team matters. By making Atherton wait for reassurance on his position, he may also be making an eloquently silent retort for the loss from the panel of his ally, Brian Bolus, replaced — with Atherton's stated approval — by a younger man in Graveney. These are political games, of a kind that are unavoidable within any duel for power, and the scope of Illingworth's new brief means that he, and only he, can play them with impunity.

Nevertheless, it would be best for all concerned if this week, and preferably even today, the chairman restated his support for Atherton through reappointment for most, if not all, of the summer programme. Three Tests should be the very least he deserves to demonstrate that his leadership acumen is developing with confidence and experience.

The cricket itself today will feature, weather permitting, a Warwickshire side with Allan Donald back to lead the attack in his last season as overseas player. The champions have injury doubts about their opening batsmen, Andy Moles and Nick Knight, and delay final selection until this morning.

Their new director of coaching, Phil Neale, will be in the visitors' dressing-room, managing the A team, who did him proud in India. Glen Chapple, Jason Gallian and Richard Stemp all made such strides during the tour that full Test caps could be imminent, so Illingworth and his two colleagues will hopefully have more on their minds than simply the captaincy issue as they assess the first serious cricket of the summer.

Love game proves spur for Wood's recovery

Stuart Jones on the injury that almost cost Britain's No 1 player her career and more

GEORGE HERRINGSHAW

Wood in the form that helped her to reach the top 100 in the women's world rankings. *Her aim now is to re-establish herself*

Clare Wood, the leader of the Great Britain team in the Fed Cup this week, has travelled to La Manga in Spain bearing a couple of confidences that have been kept largely private. One threatened to end her tennis career at 27. The other, she reckons, saved it.

An injury, suffered in innocent circumstances nine months ago, was appreciably worse than has been disclosed. Depressed by the puzzling lack of progress during a lengthy recuperation, Wood was considering retirement, or action even more drastic and final. Amid her mental and physical turmoil, when Britain's No 1 women's player admits to contemplating suicide, appeared a knight in shining armour — Lawrence Hobbs, a police sergeant based in Shoreham, West Sussex.

"If I hadn't met him, I would have been ready to slit my wrists," Wood said. "He was a saving grace, the only positive thing to come out of those four months when I didn't know what was wrong. He kept me going. Otherwise I would have been at rock bottom."

Wood's mask slipped as she prepared once more to carry the country's diminishing aspirations into another tournament. The principal butt of all the jokes aimed at the dire state of British women's tennis, she exposed a sense of emerging from "a nightmare".

It started the week after the Wimbledon championships last year. Knocked out in the first round by Ruxandra Dragomir, a Romanian ranked above her, she rested for a fortnight before fulfilling a promise to show up at a charity event in her home county of West Sussex.

Goaded to take part in an unplanned exhibition match, she reluctantly agreed. As her competitive instincts took over, she needlessly stretched for a ball wide to her right. She lost her footing, slipped, and felt pain in her leg, but chose to continue for a couple of games.

Having never been seriously injured before, she assumed that she had pulled a hamstring. When she awoke the next morning, with the area alarmingly swollen, even her untutored eye could see that the damage was doubtless worse than she had imagined. It was. The centre of the three hamstring bands in her right leg had not merely been pulled, it had snapped. By December, working with a local physiotherapist in Brighton she knew and trusted, the injury was still no more than halfway to being healed.

"I was doing everything I could but there never seemed to be any improvement," she said. "I wondered whether I would ever get fit again or whether the muscle would ever again function as it is supposed to. I began to think that this could be the end."

Disguising the extent of her problem, in November she entered the national championships in Telford, for which she was the top seed and overwhelming favourite. Magnanimously, she offered no excuses when she was beaten in the semi-final by Jo Ward, 19, a rank outsider. Complimenting Ward, who had become the first unseeded player to reach the final, she made no mention of her own condition.

Yet it was not for another month that Wood stumbled upon grounds for optimism, when she was examined by Steve Green, the Lawn Tennis Association's trainer. He is a former sprinter, and appreciated the exercises required to repair an injury for which there is no surgical cure. "That turned the corner," Wood said. Nevertheless, she was advised that she would not recover fully for at least another six months.

As she was in the process of being eliminated from the Australian Open in January, her coach looked on from the front row of the stands. Asked for the reason behind her apparently puzzling decline, Nigel Sears gave a brief and surprising response. "She's in love," he divulged.

During the ensuing conversation, Sears intimated that, for the first time since he started working with Wood at the 1992 US Open, she was distracted. On reflection, she admits that she "wasn't as single-minded as usual about tennis" during her rehabilitation. "I lost my edge," she said.

Last month, Sears revealed a more plausible reason for Wood's startling fall in the world rankings. Last May she was 77th. Had she not been readmitted to the Lipton tournament as a "lucky loser", she would have dropped out of the top 200.

Tests carried out at the British Olympic medical centre had confirmed that her right hamstring was still operating at no more than a third of its full capacity. Sears wanted the information suppressed so that Wood's opponents would be unaware of her comparative lack of mobility. Wood was not so secretive. "It has been so frustrating trying to compete at a total disadvantage," she said. "I was asking myself why I was putting myself through this agony when there was nothing I could do to stop my ranking dropping. It made me really miserable.

> 'I was beginning to think that this could be the end'

"I felt a failure. It is tough to have to keep explaining yourself, and the criticism hurt. A year ago, I was established in the top 100; I was in all the main draws, magazines were ringing up wanting to do articles, and everything was great. The last six months have been a nightmare.

"All the publicity has been negative. They don't really care about me. They just want the British No 1 to be ranked high. I agree it is ridiculous that our top player should be ranked so low [she is 183rd, some 30 places above Shirli-Ann Siddall], but that is hardly my fault."

Wood and Hobbs, her "knight in shining armour", enjoy a seafront stroll

She is finding that she has to improve merely to stay on the treadmill, as she puts it. Such has been the rise in the overall international standard that she cannot foresee her colleagues flourishing. "If they don't show signs by now, they probably won't make it," she said.

Ward, whom she projected five months ago might break into the top 150 within a year, is now grimly hanging on to a place in the top 500. Wood, with a year ripped out of her career, has had to reset her own targets.

She intends to re-establish herself in the top 100, to stand again "where I should be, head and shoulders" above the rest of her contemporaries, and to regain the national title she won in 1989 and 1993. Her doubles partnership with Valda Lake has ended, by mutual consent.

She estimates that she has two or three years left before she leaves a game that has earned her almost $500,000 (about £320,000) in prize-money. She rules out the prospect of marriage, but only temporarily. "I couldn't afford to support him now," she says. "Besides, I wouldn't want to ruin his career."

Yet she is intrigued by the fateful timing of her meeting with Hobbs. "If I hadn't been injured, I would never have met him, nor would I have had the chance to spend so much time with him at home," she said. "It is strange. I was happiest in my personal life when I was unhappiest in my professional one."

Differences threaten world union

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

AT A time when rugby union's administrators need to be pulling together to shape a coherent future for their own game in the face of the threat posed by an enriched rugby league, they seem as far apart as ever. No sooner have they sat down in apparent agreement than the ring is broken as individual representatives return to their own parishes.

Last month the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) produced a realistic paper on amateurism and set an August deadline for vital decisions on the game's future. Last week those who lead rugby union in Australasia had broken ranks to promote the adoption of a professional layer to their game.

Syd Millar, one of Ireland's most senior administrators, has been saddened by the rush towards professionalism: "An honest and open discussion took place [in March] with all delegates putting on the table what they believed was happening in their respective homelands," he said.

"Australia were part of that discussion but, as usual, seem unable to work within any structure or with other countries. They continually move the goal posts and then complain about the regulations.

"How many countries could say to a player at club or provincial level: 'Give up your career, your job and rely on rugby football for your livelihood'? The levels of reward Australia are reported to be considering could lead to another split in rugby football and, perhaps, this is the way the game will go, with Australia and her fellow travellers playing among themselves.

"Sir Stanley Rous, when he was president of Fifa [the governing body of world football], warned us not to follow them with a World Cup as it would destroy our game and, when you look at the present state of association football, they were wise words indeed."

Millar's plea is for rugby to control its own destiny rather than find a paymaster from the world of commerce or the media but, when even the four home unions cannot agree among themselves, the rift between the hemispheres is likely to remain.

Rob Fisher, vice-chairman of the New Zealand Rugby Football Union council, is due to meet the IRFB amateurism committee early next month and will doubtless articulate the fears for rugby union felt in his country over the past few years, which have expanded after the recent developments within rugby league. Such fears make success in the World Cup this summer by the All Blacks the more vital so that a country which puts such store by its rugby fortunes can be reassured of its place in the global rankings.

Yet domestic critics remain to be convinced that the new-look All Blacks, whose first outing will be against Canada on Saturday, will achieve that success. It is a team which, on its day, may sweep aside lesser opponents with a panache seldom identified with New Zealand rugby. But a back division of undoubted potential may lack leadership in a crisis and the only newcomer in the pack, Josh Kronfeld, may have sounder knees than Michael Jones but has far less of a footballing brain.

Laurie Mains, the coach, has a problem with Jones: he knows the value of the Auckland flanker, who played in the last two World Cups, but he is also aware that Jones has been slowed by the sort of injury that keeps him out this weekend and will not be available for Sunday play in the World Cup because of his religious convictions.

Wales, meanwhile, name their World Cup party today confident that Derwyn Jones, the Cardiff lock, is fit for consideration. They expect to include John Davies, the Neath prop suspended afer being sent off against England in February. Jones, Nigel Walker and Ricky Evans all took part in training yesterday, though Mike Hall, the new captain, had to sit out because of a groin injury.

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Patterson called up to replace injured Nicol

BY MARK SOUSTER

DERRICK PATTERSON, the West Hartlepool scrum half, was yesterday drafted into the Scotland rugby union World Cup squad after it was confirmed that Andy Nicol will miss the tournament, which starts in South Africa next month, because of a knee injury.

Nicol, 24, strained the medial ligament in his left knee playing for the Bath second team against Leicester on Saturday and doctors in Edinburgh diagnosed the extent of the damage yesterday.

The injury, sustained early in the second half, completes a miserable year for Nicol, capped eight times by Scotland, and could not have happened at a worse time for him. The game, watched by the Scotland selectors, was intended to confirm his return to fitness after a serious injury to his other knee, and with it his place for South Africa.

Nicol, who moved to Bath this season, said: "I don't know what I've done to deserve this. I thought I had made it to South Africa on the basis of my first-half performance on Saturday. Now I'll just have to concentrate on getting fit for next season."

Patterson was understandably delighted to be included in the party after enduring two weeks of uncertainty. He had been put on stand-by when the World Cup squad was first announced but had resigned himself to missing the tournament and touring Zimbabwe with the Scotland A side instead.

Patterson, 26, said: "Obviously you don't want to see anybody injured, but from a personal point of view I'm very happy. It has been a real strain not knowing what was going to happen and I've just about lost what little hair I had left.

"It's also been hard on my parents, who know how much hard work I've put in. Now I want to win back my place and I feel that the hard grounds in South Africa will suit me fine."

Patterson, who was dropped after winning his only cap against the South Africans in November, will tour Spain with Scotland early next month, when he will play his first competitive game for several weeks.

Because of the uncertainty over his international future, West Hartlepool had decided to play the England Under-21 scrum half, Steve Cook, for the remainder of the domestic season.

Durban ready despite missing champions

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

A CURIOUS double blow has left the Perm Atlantic Rim outdoor bowls championships, which start today in Durban, South Africa, without two leading bowlers: Margaret Johnston, the women's world outdoor singles champion, and Joyce Lindores, who beat her recently in the final of the equivalent indoor event.

Johnston declared herself unavailable as soon as she discovered she would be expected to pay part of the cost of her trip to South Africa. It is a matter of principle, she insists, that anyone who plays for their country should not be out of pocket.

In spite of her outspoken comments, she was prepared to turn out for Ireland in the home international indoor series last month, when she had a torrid time on the green, losing all four matches — one of her worst defeats.

Lindores won three gold medals for Scotland at the world outdoor championships at Ayr in 1992, since when she has been given two chances to impress in the singles — in the Atlantic Rim event in Florida, and the Commonwealth Games in Victoria.

After starting well, her challenge petered out on both occasions, and she has been cast aside by her national selectors. Thumbing her nose at them after she won the world indoor title at Cumbernauld this month must have been as pleasurable as knowing she had qualified for the world event to be played next February.

Despite the absence of the two world champions, there is a positive atmosphere in Durban, where the 12 teams of five will first compete as triples and pairs, then regroup halfway through the fortnight to compete in singles and fours.

England simply had to pick Norma Shaw, the 1991 world outdoor champion, for the singles berth. Not only did she win the singles title in Florida, but she is in tremendous form, having just won the English Champion of Champions indoor title at Northampton.

This is the first real international event to be held in South Africa since the dismantling of apartheid. Visiting countries will certainly not be fooled by the generosity of the hospitality, though. The host country is eager to welcome the world. But, as in the rugby World Cup, which follows on the heels of the bowls, the South Africans will not be so generous when play starts.

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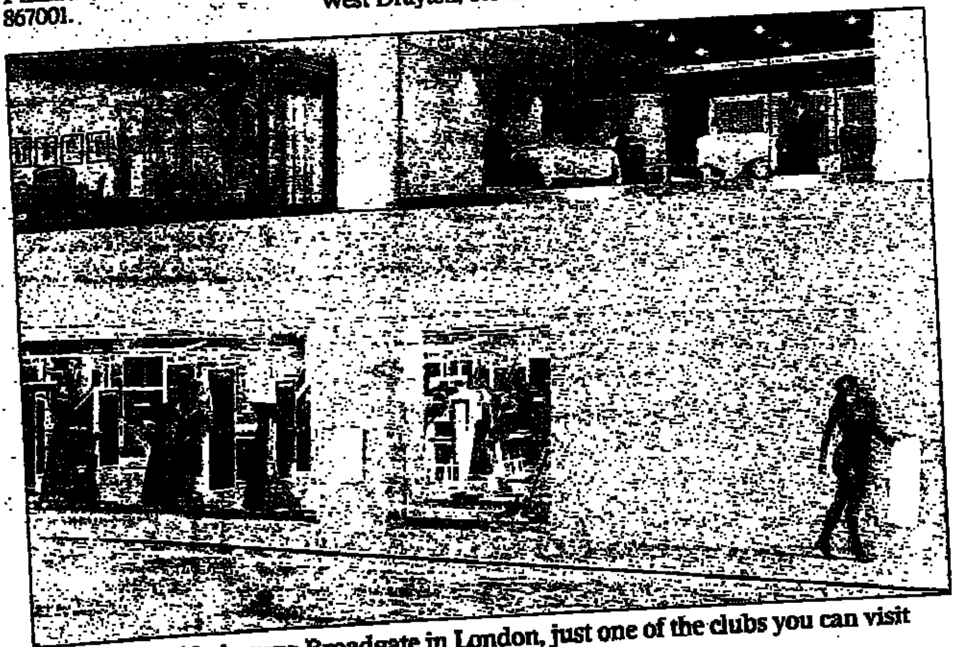

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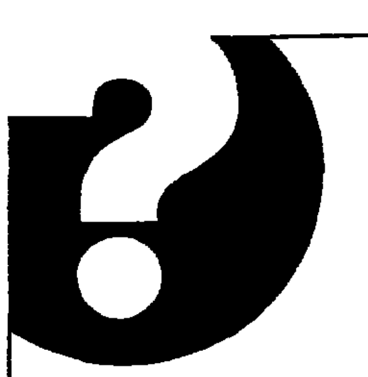

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A working party is to consider the legal status of living wills. **Andrew Grubb** reports

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By instructing a solicitor to draw up a living will you can make sure that your wishes are obeyed

Ever growing numbers of people are making "living wills" or "advance directives", expressing their wishes regarding medical treatment should they become unable to make their own decisions.

Living wills most often state that people would not want treatment to sustain their life were they to become permanently senile or unconscious, or if they were in the final stages of terminal illness. Occasionally, people draw up living wills to make clear that they would wish to have any treatment which was available to keep them alive, whatever their quality of life.

Living wills came to prominence in America in the 1970s, but their popularity in Britain is more recent. Progress in medical science means that doctors can now keep patients alive in cases where once death would have been a foregone conclusion. There is a growing public perception that because doctors *can* keep patients alive, they *will* do so. Many individuals, fearing an undignified, possibly painful, end, see living wills as a means of recapturing control over the time and manner of their deaths. We should, therefore, see the development of living wills as a welcome contribution to the enhancement of patient autonomy.

Living wills enhance patient autonomy

But such documents are not without their problems. Living wills may be valueless if the patient did not anticipate the particular circumstances which may arise. What if new treatments have been developed since the living will was drawn up? On a deeper level, some argue that the whole concept of a living will is flawed because it underestimates the basic human survival instinct. Who can contemplate whether they would prefer death rather than life in circumstances which they cannot imagine?

Those who make living wills do so on the assumption that their wishes will be honoured. In practice, however, something of a lottery operates. Although the law in this area is reasonably clear, in practice it may leave a doctor with discretion. Moreover, some doctors do not appreciate the ramifications of recent court judgments.

Two recent developments have highlighted the fact that the legal status of living wills is an area of public concern. The Law Commission's report, *Mental Incapacity*, published last month, recommended legislation to create a statutory presumption that a competent adult's refusal of treatment is binding as long as it is in writing and is signed and witnessed.

Two weeks ago, the British Medical Association published a code of practice urging doctors to respect living wills. Its acceptance that advance treatment refusals should be legally binding represents a significant about-turn.

In one sense, the law does not need clarification. In 1992, in a case in which a Jehovah's Witness refused a blood transfusion, the Court of Appeal extended the contemporaneous right of competent adults to refuse life-saving treatment so that it covered advance refusals. This was subject to the conditions that the patient understood the implications of the advance refusal (i.e. was competent), intended the refusal to apply in the circumstances which arose, and had not made the refusal under undue influence.

In the case of Tony Bland, the Hillsborough victim, the law lords reiterated that treating a patient in the face of a "clear" and "applicable" advance refusal would be a battery (or even a criminal assault). It is equally clear that an advance request to receive whatever treatment is available cannot legally bind a doctor to provide treatment which he or she thinks inappropriate.

Nonetheless, there are several reasons why legislation is needed. Not least of these is the symbolic significance of enshrining in statute a patient's right to decide. It would also dispel the misconception which persists among some doctors that only legislation, and not case law, has legal force.

Legislation could also clarify several uncertainties. Should, for example, a living will apply where a patient is pregnant and respecting her wishes might harm or kill her unborn child? The Law Commission argues persuasively that an advance refusal would not satisfy the law's condition of "applicability" unless the woman had expressly stated that it should apply even if she were pregnant.

If you fall ill, the document will help relatives to carry out your wishes

Similarly, the Commission recommends that an advance refusal of life-saving treatment should be binding only if the patient expressly states that it should apply even where death will result. This seems logical, but there is a danger that the patient's need to "anticipate" all possible eventualities could swallow up the law's purported commitment to respecting advance refusals.

A further area of uncertainty is whether oral advance refusals can ever be legally binding. In principle, the answer must be yes, yet the Law Commission recommends that a presumption of validity should apply only to written refusals.

Finally, legislation could help to establish a regulatory framework for advance directives, providing for a central computerised registration scheme, and setting time limits after which living wills would cease to be valid unless they were reviewed.

The momentum for legislation on advance directives seems unstoppable. Legislation would provide the certainty badly needed by doctors and patients, but would not solve everything. It will not remove the need for communication between doctors and patients. Indeed, advance refusals are more likely to be "applicable" and thus legally binding, if the patient has consulted a doctor.

The debate must be widened to cover other means of decision-making when patients are mentally incapacitated. The Law Commission has proposed legislation to allow patients to appoint others as agents. But in reality most patients will neither make a living will nor appoint an agent.

Decisions about the competence of adults will continue to rest with doctors, who must decide whether treatment is in the patient's best interests, usually following consultation with relatives. Perhaps the more fundamental question we should ask is whether to leave such life-and-death decision-making in doctors' hands.

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Stress is driving lawyers to drink

The Law Society is to look at ways of giving help to those who cannot cope

Lawyers thrive on pressure but shrivel under stress. Increasing numbers of solicitors are taking to the bottle (or the client account or the drug cupboard) to escape their worries.

The level of stress has become so acute that the Law Society's Standards and Guidance Committee is on the point of setting up a lawyers' assistance programme to look at alcohol abuse. "We have seen our membership more than double in the past three years," says Barry Pritchard, of the solicitors' support group which focuses on alcoholism in the law. "There is little doubt that the recession has increased the stress on solicitors in a significant way. And while we have few women members at the moment, the signs are that many more will be joining over the next few years."

At the heart of the problem, according to Bronwen Still, the head of guidance and professional ethics at the Law Society, is the rapid increase in competition and the growth in bureaucracy. "Practice gets harder and harder and the legal aid regime is a nightmare," she says. "Solicitors have to run faster and faster simply to stand still."

Certainly it seems that the scramble for work, the screwing down of fees and the screeds of paperwork which must be completed have left their mark — particularly on sole practitioners. Even partners in medium-sized firms, however, do not escape unscathed. A firm facing difficulties will often turn on its weaker members and, in those circumstances, it may be fatal to ask for help because it merely provides further leverage to those who want to get you out. As one female partner says: "When I was facing a nervous breakdown the only thing my partners could say to me was 'go home and get over it'."

Recession has increased the pressure on solicitors

But it is not simply commercial pressures which take their toll. Those involved in family law are worn down by the predicament of their clients. "Solicitors working in the field of divorce, for example, often become very depressed at the feeling of helplessness in handling their clients' cases," says Christopher Clulow, of the Tavistock Institute of Marital Studies. "If they empathise with their clients it becomes a very emotionally taxing situation. If they are working in a quasi-macho firm, then again it is hard to get support from a partner.

"The indications are that the best way to avoid pressure becoming stress is by sharing it with supportive colleagues who understand your work. For those who feel isolated in their own partnership, the Law Society solicitors' assistance scheme goes some way towards providing a shoulder to cry on from a fellow professional outside the firm. Ideally, though, enlightened leadership from senior partners should be available."

At Clifford Chance, for example, Garth Pollard, the executive partner, has introduced a sophisticated support regime to ensure that all staff have access to facilities which help them to avoid stress. The elaborate sports facilities — including practice rooms and a swimming pool — are not there just to enable twenty-somethings to pump iron, but also to play host to relaxation activities such as yoga and the Alexander technique (which helps people to gain a better balance between mind and body).

"Teachers come in on a regular basis and there is considerable participation in these classes," Mr Pollard says. "We want to ensure that none of our staff gets into a position of being under real stress."

Sadly, however, many solicitors are still opting for the bottle as the easy way out. The next step is the catastrophic one into fraud or unemployment. That is why the Law Society's backing for action on stress is such welcome news.

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● *For information contact the solicitors' support group: 01895 833245, or write to Barry Pritchards at 12 Mullins Close, Poole, Dorset DH12 5EQ. More information about the Alexander technique is available from Nick Martin-Smith at Clifford Chance, 200 Aldersgate Street, London EC1A 4JJ.*

OUTS

Pay up, mate, or else

IF YOU are in a National Lottery ticket pool, make sure the terms are in writing. Marvyn Talley and Weyman Mathis were life-long friends and pooled their money to play the Kentucky Lottery. But when Mr Mathis won the $6 million (about £3.8 million) jackpot, he denied that the ticket had come from the pool. Mr Talley sued.

"I'm very confident," he told the *National Law Journal*. "I am in a position to prove what I'm saying. This is very disappointing. But I look forward to the day when I can shake his hand and forgive him."

Open season

WITH the contest for the job of president thrown open by John Young's withdrawal over allegations of sexual harassment, things may never be the same at the Law Society.

Walter Merricks, assistant secretary-general, says: "The mere fact that there is an election has changed the character of the situation. Now all candidates should expect a contest." They should also check their cupboards for skeletons before they put their name forward. And will Henry Hodge, the present deputy vice-president, run? Says Mr Merricks: "You cannot take it as being automatic."

Nominations close at the end of May, and with all 75 Law Society Council members eligible to stand, Mr Merricks says that a "lot could happen between now and then".

John Young: all change

Tender subject

COMPULSORY competitive tendering (CCT) of local authority services seems likely to encounter further obstacles in the wake of a challenge from the Transport and General Workers Union, alleging that CCT is discriminatory.

The union is pushing for action from the European Commission after an Equal Opportunities Commission report that CCT is hitting women harder than men. The union will allege that the Government is not fulfilling its duties under Article 119 of the EC Treaty and under the Equal Pay Directive.

In spite of the implementation in statute of the House of Lords' decision extending the rights of part-time workers, part-timers are still not receiving equal treatment from employers.

According to research by the TUC in areas not governed by statute — such as holidays, sick pay and pension rights — part-timers still suffer discrimination. For example, a third of part-time workers receive no paid holiday compared to only 3 per cent of full-timers. Two-thirds of those working less than 20 hours a week have no pension rights compared to only a quarter of full-timers.

Scales of justice

LEGAL publishers beware. PFAFF Enterprises Inc., an American company, is suing the publishers Bureau of National Affairs. PFAFF claims that it paid too much to settle an action because it relied on BNA's published version of a government chart showing scales of penalties for environmental breaches. A proofreading error gave the impression that the fines had been larger than they were. PFAFF is claiming $35,000 in damages.

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Morals and morality

French judges have been given a detailed code of judicial ethics

Judges in France, as elsewhere, are summoned to behave with a "dignity, honour and scrupulousness".

But what is dignified behaviour? How scrupulous is scrupulous? For the first time, the French Justice Department has tried to offer an answer to these questions by producing a synthesis of 90 disciplinary measures taken against judges over the past three decades.

The department's report, published last month by France's Magistrates' Union, effectively stands as a detailed code of judicial ethics.

The disciplinary measures are handed down by France's Higher Council of the Magistrature, which oversees the country's legal institutions, and range from warnings to dismissal. Some of the decisions appear self-evident. For example, members of the French judiciary must not have a criminal record or mix with the French mafia.

Others are less so. Thus, judges should avoid hitchhiking, at least on a regular basis, because it undermines the "authority necessary for the exercise of their functions". Drink-driving, signing a cheque that bounces or failing to pay off a debt within a "reasonable delay" are all seen as reprehensible.

However, the French legal authorities appear to take a more liberal view of sex than do their British counterparts. Seeing a prostitute is not, in itself, a misdemeanour, although judges can be reprimanded if they use their status to try to get away without paying. Similarly, "cohabiting with a prostitute" is viewed as overstepping the mark.

A second tranche of decisions concerns professional issues. For example, eight magistrates and judges have been sanctioned for laziness, either because they kept arriving late for work or because they took too long to hand down their judgments. One, in the mid-1970s, was disciplined for refusing to live in the area served by the court to which he had been appointed. A particularly outspoken judge was reprimanded in 1993 for showing "a manifest repugnance" for new procedural rules.

Impartiality is, of course, required. The council had to admonish a magistrate who told the parties in a civil dispute how he intended to judge the affair before the case had opened. French judges are told to speak in a reserved manner, avoiding the sort of expressions that might call into question their "neutrality". In 1993, the President of a regional Appeal Court was disciplined for describing the courtroom attitude of a barrister as "verging on complicity with a fraudster".

If these cases tend to revolve around the sort of difficulties encountered worldwide, then recent inquiries into political corruption have revealed a specifically French problem — publicity. Several investigating magistrates have been disciplined for leaking details to the French press.

To the legal authorities, such acts are a grave attack on the presumption of innocence. The magistrates defend themselves by arguing that unless investigations into political activities appear in the media, they are inevitably stifled by the Government.

The Magistrates' Union says: "At a time when some politicians are calling for an end to the French version of Italy's 'clean-hands operation', we can be worried about the evident risk of exploitation . . . between the vagueness of the morality [in the report] and the lack of clarity in the [council's] disciplinary measures."

Others disagree. Antoine Garapon, secretary-general of Paris's Higher Institute of Justice Studies, says: "It's not enough to have good laws. You also need good judges."

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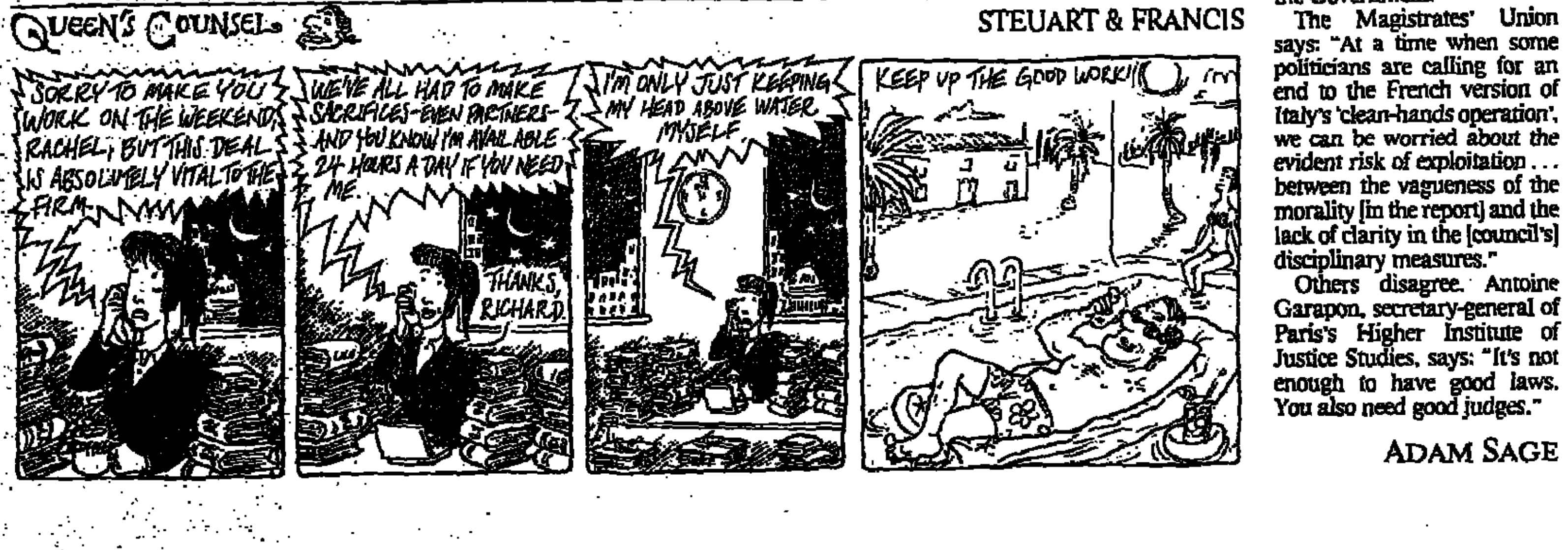

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Retained employees' forms not available

British Aerospace v Green and Others

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Millett

[Judgment March 23]

Employees selected for redundancy because they achieved low marks in a grading process were not entitled in proceedings for unfair dismissal before the industrial tribunal to discovery of the assessment forms of those employees who were not made redundant.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing appeals by D. C. Green and 233 other former employees from a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal on January 25, 1994 that they were not entitled to discovery of assessment forms of those employees of British Aerospace, Warton who were not made redundant when they were dismissed in November 1991.

Mr Jeffrey Burke, QC and Mr Bruce Carr for the employees; Mr John Hand, QC, for the employer.

LORD JUSTICE WAITE said the employer, in what was accepted to have been a genuine situation of redundancy, was called upon to make 530 redundant out of a workforce of 7,000.

Each worker was awarded marks according to a predetermined formula assessing eligibility under criteria common to all participants. The 530 who achieved the lowest score were dismissed.

In industrial tribunal proceedings, 235 claimed their selection for redundancy was unfair and from those, lead or sample cases were chosen in an attempt to determine the issues.

The employer disclosed the marks scored by all the assessed employees and all the applicants' assessment forms.

The *applicants contended that it* would be essential to the process of nominating sample applications that they should be given discovery of the assessment forms of all employees who had not been dismissed, in order that a comparison could be made of the respective ratings, under each criterion, of those members of the workforce who had been dismissed and those who had been retained.

Discovery was granted at a preliminary hearing, by the industrial tribunal chairman but her order was overturned by the Employment Appeal Tribunal.

The concept of fairness, when applied to selection for redundancy, was *incapable of being* expressed in absolute terms. The industrial tribunal had to be satisfied that selection had been achieved by adopting a fair and reasonable system and applying it fairly and reasonably as between one employee and another.

Employment law recognised pragmatically that an over-minute investigation of the selection process by the industrial tribunal might defeat the purpose of swift, informal disposal of the dispute.

The use of marking systems was a well recognised aid to a fair process of redundancy selection, although it did not by itself render any selection automatically fair. If *such* a system was to function effectively, its workings were not to be scrutinised officiously.

The authorities showed the courts and tribunals moving towards a clear recognition that if a graded assessment system was to achieve its purpose it must not be subjected to an over-minute analysis.

That applied both at the stage when the system was being actually applied and also at any later stage when its operation was being called into question before an industrial tribunal.

The industrial tribunal chairman was required to direct her mind to the question "what discov*ery is necessary for disposing* fairly of the application at the stage which it has reached at present, namely the selection of sample cases?" In answering it she was required to take account of the fact that the application of the system was not attacked in any specific respect, and that there was therefore at that stage no issue to which the retained assessments could be claimed to be relevant.

The appeal would be dismissed.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said criticism of the fairness of selection for redundancy could take the form of a challenge to the fairness either of the system or of the manner of its application in practice.

It was for the applicants to make clear the basis of their attack on the selection process. The applicant must demonstrate on an application for discovery that discovery was necessary for disposing fairly of the action.

Unless a document was relevant to some issue in dispute, its disclosure and production could not be necessary for the fair disposal of the case. Discovery was not ordered to allow the applicant to discover whether there was an issue he could raise.

An applicant was not entitled to say: "The process was unfair: I do not know in what respect it was unfair: I want discovery in order to find out."

Discovery of the selection forms in the present case could be relevant only to the fairness of the manner in which the selection process was performed. Counsel had been unable to formulate any issue to which discovery of the documents which he sought would be relevant.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said part of the trouble was that the applicant's case had never been formulated in writing in such a way as could justify ordering discovery of the documents.

The case for discovery had begun to emerge only from oral submissions. It was highly desirable that such a case should be formulated in writing with proper particularity before consideration was given to an order for discovery.

In cases of mass redundancy, in *his Lordship's* opinion, it would be only in rare and exceptional cases that the assessment forms of other employees not made redundant would be relevant.

That was because the tribunal was not considering whether those employees were unfairly not made redundant, but whether the applicant was unfairly dismissed.

Solicitors: Rowley Ashworth, Wimbledon; Nightingales, Manchester.

No unqualified right for EU citizens to stay

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, *Ex parte* Vitale

Regina v Same, Ex parte Do Amaral

Before Mr Justice Judge

[Judgment March 16]

Citizens of member states of the European Union did not have an unqualified right to reside in any other member state as and when they might wish. Article 8a of the EC Treaty (Cmd 4864), as inserted by article G.C of the Treaty on European Union (1992 OJ C224), did not create such a right as article 48 of the EC Treaty, limiting such a right, remained in force unrepealed and unamended.

Mr Justice Judge so held giving a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division in Norwich following a hearing in London when dismissing applications for judicial review of decisions made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department and conveyed in letters to the applicants, Vittorio Vitale and Ricardo Do Amaral.

The applicants were citizens of Italy and Portugal respectively and were resident in the United Kingdom and had been in receipt of income support while seeking work.

The letters under challenge had, inter alia, informed each applicant *that, as he was not seeking work* with a genuine chance of obtaining it, he was in the United Kingdom in a non-economic capacity and had become a burden on public funds and was therefore not lawfully resident in the UK under EU law and should make arrangements to leave the country.

No steps were to be made to enforce the applicants' departure but the effect of the decisions was to end the applicants' rights to income support.

Mr Peter Duffy for Mr Vitale; Mr Alper Riza, QC and Mr Leon Daniel for Mr Do Amaral: Mr Richard Plender, QC, for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE JUDGE said that if either applicant had been present in the UK in employment, self-employed or in business or seeking work with a genuine chance of obtaining it, he would have been entitled to remain in accordance with article 48 of the EC Treaty as interpreted by the European Court in Case C-292/89 *R v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Antonissen* ([1991] ECR I-745).

There was no justifiable basis for disturbing the conclusion that at the material time neither applicant was a work seeker with a genuine prospect of obtaining it. Accordingly, if they were not entitled to remain in the UK under the provisions of article 48 their right to do so, if any, would arise under article 8a(1).

Article 8a provided two distinct rights, the right to move freely within the territories and the right to reside freely. Neither right was freestanding nor absolute. It was expressly and unequivocally subject to the limitations and conditions contained in the EC Treaty.

The existence of limitations and the potential for extending the rights of citizens were acknowledged in article 8e as well as expressly included in article 8a. So article 8a did not provide every citizen of the Union with an open ended "right to ... reside freely" within every member state.

Meanwhile article 48 itself was preserved, unrepealed and unamended. So far as "workers" were concerned they were permitted to stay or remain on the basis of the conditions laid down in article 48, the measures produced to implement that article and its interpretation by the European Court.

If the contrary were true the express provisions of the EC Treaty relating to workers would have in effect been rendered nugatory without having been amended or repealed. That was improbable.

His Lordship said that Council directives, case law of the Court of Justice of the European Communities, Commission reports and academic writings all reinforced that view.

Having reached that clear conclusion his Lordship resisted the temptation to refer the question to the European Court for its consideration.

The relevant principles of UK law could be summarised fairly briefly:

His Lordship assumed for present purposes that when the applicants entered the UK they did so exercising their rights under Community law and required no leave. They then both ceased to be economically active.

When the relevant letters were sent they were properly founded on the principles accepted by the European Court in *Antonissen*.

Therefore when the letters were received the applicants were no longer present in the UK while exercising Community rights. No other basis for remaining was advanced. Their presence ceased to be lawful. Thereupon they were only entitled to remain with leave and leave had neither been sought nor granted. If they were not lawfully present then they were not entitled to the benefit of income support.

Deportation was not in issue. It had never been proposed for obvious reasons, given that an order would create a prohibition on return to the UK against a citizen of the European Union and therefore an inhibition of rights to return, inter alia, to work within the United Kingdom.

Solicitors: Mr Robert C. Noden, North Kensington; Powell & Co, Woolwich; Treasury Solicitor.

Unreasonable to make council pay compensation

D (a Minor) v Director of Public Prosecutions

R (a Minor) v Same

Regina v Burnley Crown Court, Ex parte Lancashire County Council

Regina v Preston Crown Court, Ex parte Same

Before Lord Justice Leggatt and Mr Justice Buxton

[Judgment March 31]

Where a local authority was found to have done everything that it reasonably and properly could to protect the public from a young person in its care who was guilty of an offence, it would be wholly unreasonable and unjust that it should be ordered to pay a compensation order under section 55 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933, as amended by section 26 of the Criminal Justice Act 1982, section 127 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 and section 5(1) and (2) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment in granting two appeals by way of case stated brought by Shropshire County Council against decisions of justices and two applications for judicial review of decisions of the crown court, when dismissing appeals from the justices, brought by Lancashire County Council and in all four cases quashing compensation orders made against the councils following findings of guilt recorded against young persons in their care.

Mr James Townend, QC and Mr William Rickarby for Shropshire County Council; Mr John F. M. Maxwell for the prosecution; Mr John Townend, QC and Ms Nan Alban-Lloyd for Lancashire County Council; Mr John F. M. Maxwell for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT, giving the judgment of the court, said that the approach to compensation prescribed by section 55 was in two stages.

First, the court had to consider whether "the case would best be *met by the imposition of a fine or* costs or the making of" a compensation order "whether with or without any other *punishment*".

It was at that stage that the court had to decide whether the victim had suffered a loss that deserved to be compensated.

If so, the court was obliged or empowered, depending of the age of the offender, to make an order for payment against the parent or guardian with the substitution, in cases where section 55(5) applied, of the local authority for the parent or guardian.

The court's exercise of that duty or power was only prevented in cases where it would be unreasonable to make an order for payment having regard to the circumstances of the case.

That very broad test applied equally to a parent or guardian and to a local authority but its application would necessarily dif*fer according to circumstances*.

Where a parent had been responsible for the bringing up of a young person it might be difficult to show that it would be unreasonable to make an order for payment against a parent, although such cases could arise.

A local authority's position with regard to young persons in its care or for whom it had provided accommodation was, however, different from that of a natural parent or guardian.

A local authority might often be entrusted with the care of, or be obliged to provide accommodation for a young person who was already an offender or who was of criminal or anti-social propensity.

The steps that the local authority should or lawfully could take to restrain such a young person might well be limited.

The structure of the Act *indicated* that the local authority had the same right to assert unreasonableness as did a natural parent; *and the particular circumstances* of a local authority with care obligations made it entirely appropriate that the local authority should be able to try to demonstrate, just as might a *parent, that it had done all that it* reasonably could, within the limits of its powers over the young person, to keep the young person from criminal ways.

Where, therefore, as in some of the instant cases before the court, the local authority was found to have done everything that it reasonably and properly could to protect the public from the young offender it would be wholly unreasonable and unjust that it should bear a financial penalty. That would place the local authority in a position worse than that of a natural parent: a result that the Act specifically excluded.

It had been submitted that a factor tending towards the imposition of liability to pay compensation upon a local authority was the fact that compensation was designed to compensate the victim.

While that might be a factor tempting courts to make orders, it was not the correct approach *having regard to the terms of* section 55.

Solicitors: Mr S. W. Matthew, Shrewsbury; Crown Prosecution Service, Shrewsbury; Mr G. A. Johnson, Preston; Crown Prosecution Service, Preston.

Minister cannot join in all benefit claims

Regina v Liverpool City Council, Ex parte Muldoon

Regina v Rent Officer Service and Another, Ex parte Kelly

Before Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice Hobhouse and Lord Justice Morritt

[Judgment March 16]

The Secretary of State for Social Security was not entitled, as of right, to service of notice of every application for judicial review proceedings against the relevant authorities for payment of housing benefit, since it depended on the circumstances of each particular case whether or not the secretary of state was a person "directly affected", within the meaning of Order 53, rule 5(3) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, by those proceedings.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing the secretary of state's appeal against the order of Mr Justice Hidden on March 10, 1994, which *dismissed the* secretary of state's notice of motion seeking to be joined as a respondent to substantive applications for judicial review against Liverpool City Council and the Rent Officer Service by Lee Muldoon and Elizabeth Kelly for payment of housing benefit.

Order 53, rule 5(3) provides: "(3) The notice of motion [of the application for judicial review] ... must be served on all persons directly affected..."

Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Richard Drabble for the secretary of state; Mr Nigel Pleming, QC and Mr Richard Bloomfield for the applicants; the city council and the rent officer service were not represented.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said that the judicial review applications turned on whether the relevant authorities had been denied *access to the applicants' houses*, and the subsequent determinations not to pay housing benefit. Such benefit depended on subsidy paid by the secretary of state, and the proportion paid was 95 per cent.

The secretary of state's submission was that he was directly affected in every case where housing benefit was due to be paid because he had a financial interest, and so was entitled to notice.

His Lordship was satisfied that the rule was *not* concerned with every case where the secretary of state might have an interest in the result.

It depended on the circumstances of the particular case whether *he* was directly affected.

A complete answer might only be supplied on a case-by-case basis, and there was no room for a *blanket interpretation of the rule* so that the secretary of state was always entitled to be served.

For example, in a case where the withholding of benefit involved an allegation of breach of natural justice, the secretary of state was not directly affected by the proceedings. If process had to be served in every case there would be an escalation of costs.

His Lordship was satisfied a narrow construction of the rule was called for.

LORD JUSTICE HOBHOUSE, agreeing, said that the secretary of state's argument would impose excessive burdens on applicants *for judicial review, obliging them* to investigate the mechanisms of local government finance. There was no reason why the interpretation of the rules should be such as to impose such inquiry.

Adequate guidance was already given to local authorities when they received applications for judicial review proceedings and that was the appropriate machinery available.

If an application suggested that a particular housing benefit regulation was ultra vires, it would be arguable then that the secretary of state should be served. Short of that situation there was nothing to show that there should be service in every application relating to housing benefit.

Lord Justice Morritt agreed.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Department of Social Security; D. P. Hardy & Co, Liverpool.

Whether agricultural work is principal livelihood

Welby and Another v Casswell

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Millett

[Judgment March 23]

A person derived his principal source of livelihood from his agricultural work on a holding, within the meaning of section 36(3)(a) of the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986, where the actual source of his income was money borrowed to carry on the work.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by Mr Thomas Andrew Casswell from Mr Justice Popplewell (*The Times* April 1, 1994) who had allowed an appeal by Mr Casswell's landlords, Sir Richard Bruno Gregory Welby and D & S Farms Ltd, from a decision of a land tribunal on Mr Casswell's application.

Mr Derek Wood, QC and Mr Martin Rodger for the applicant; Mr Paul Morgan, QC, for the landlords.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that the landlords let *147 hectares of land at Casthorpe* Farm in Lincolnshire to the applicant's father. From March 1981 until his father's death in September 1988 the applicant worked full time on the farm as a partner with his father.

In December 1988 the applicant sought, under section 39 of the 1986 Act a direction that he was entitled to a tenancy of the holding in succession to his father. The tribunal made a determination in the applicant's favour.

At the request of the landlords the tribunal stated a case for the opinion of the High Court. The judge allowed the landlords' appeal on the case stated, holding *that the applicant could not satisfy* the condition, relating to eligibility to succeed, stated in section 36(3): "... 'eligible person' means ... any surviving close relative of the deceased in whose case the following conditions are satisfied — (a) in the seven years ending with the date of death his ... principal source of livelihood throughout a continuous period of not less than five years, or two or more discontinuous periods together amounting to not less than five years, derived from his agricultural work on the holding ..."

Mr Morgan submitted that in four out of the potentially relevant seven years, the applicant's share of any profits of the farm was less than 50 per cent of the money the applicant drew from the partnership bank account to live on. It followed that in those four years more than 50 per cent of the money which the applicant lived on had a source other than his share of the profits of farming the holding. Accordingly, "in those four years the applicant's principal source of livelihood was not his share of the profits of farming the holding.

Mr Wood submitted that, as a matter of ordinary language, a person who had no significant source of income other than his drawings from a partnership account and was entitled to make those drawings because he was engaged full time in agricultural work on the holding, derived his livelihood from that work.

In his Lordship's judgment, Mr Wood's submission was to be preferred. The subsection should be construed in a purposive manner and not, by adopting too legalistic an approach.

Livelihood could be defined as "means of living", namely, what was spent or consumed for the purpose of living. The source of one's livelihood, in so far as it was money, was income.

The applicant's only income came from his work on the holding in the form of his drawings on the business account of the partnership.

Although, as a matter of strict legal analysis, the money of a partnership business was no different from the money of the partners themselves, and therefore if money was lent to the business it was lent to the partners, in common parlance one would say that the applicant derived *his* income from the business: one would not go further to see how the business was financed.

Lord Justice Millett delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Waite agreed.

Solicitors: Mills & Reeve, Cambridge; Burges Salmon, Bristol.

Altering request for case stated

Waldie v DPP

Before Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Keene

[Judgment March 6]

Where a properly formulated question had been put to justices for them to state a case, it should not be fundamentally altered without the party which framed the question having an opportunity to comment on the change.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when allowing an application by Darrell Waldie to adjourn the hearing of a case stated by Devizes Justices on October 18, 1994 and remitting it for reconsideration. The justices had found Mr Waldie guilty on April 19, 1993 of two offences of assaulting a police officer in the execution of his duty contrary to section 51(1) of the Police Act 1964.

Mr Lawrence Jones for Mr Waldie; Mr James Patrick for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE PILL said that it was implicit in the procedure for stating a case as outlined in *Stone's Justices' Manual* (127th edition (1994) volume 1 p767) that the parties had to be frank and all concerned had to attempt to define the questions for the opinion of the High Court.

It was fundamental that if a properly framed question was to be fundamentally altered then the party which framed the question ought to have the opportunity to comment on the change.

On May 6, 1993 Mr Waldie had requested the justices to state a case and in a properly drafted notice had put a question to them for the preparation of the case. The justices had drafted a case, on which Mr Waldie had made representations as had the Crown Prosecution Service.

The justices had invited further comments from the CPS but not from Mr Waldie. Those CPS representations were not communicated to Mr Waldie. In response to the CPS representations the justices reframed the question. The *question as framed moved the* ground from Mr Waldie. He could not argue the point he sought to argue on the question so drafted.

Solicitors: Wood Awdry Wansbroughs, Devizes; CPS, Wiltshire.

Was delay justified?

Regina v Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, Ex parte S

One of the fruits of crimes of sexual violence and abuse was the silence of the victim.

To allow such silence to operate in the offender's favour was to compound the crime.

Mr Justice Sedley so observed in the Queen's Bench Division on March 24 when granting an order of certiorari on an application for judicial review by S, a rape victim, to quash a decision of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board that she was not entitled to compensation because she had failed to report the attack promptly.

MR JUSTICE SEDLEY said the board had failed to weigh the significance of the delay against the reason for it.

The critical question was to what extent if any it was fair, in the light of the reasons for the delay, to reduce the applicant's award.

Defence ought to be pleaded sooner

Tramp Leasing Ltd v Sanders

A fundamental defence of no or past consideration that had been raised in the closing address by counsel at the trial and which raised mixed issues of fact and law ought to have been pleaded in accordance with the spirit of the *times of openness and frankness* so that the issues to be tried and upon which a defendant sought to rely would be clearly set out before the parties and the court at the commencement of the trial.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Otton) so held on March 3 when dismissing the appeal of Charles Kenneth Sanders against the decision of Judge Charles Harris, QC, in Corby County Court on March 18, 1993, not to allow an amendment *of his defence that* want of consideration prevented any enforceability by the plaintiff, Tramp Leasing Ltd, of a guarantee and indemnity agreement signed on January 29, 1988, between himself and the plaintiff.

Scots Law Report April 18 1995 Court of Session

Court should give consideration to whether remedy is available in other jurisdiction

Union Carbide Corporation v BP Chemicals Ltd

Before the Lord President (Lord Hope), Lord Mayfield and Lord Cullen

[Judgment March 9]

As a general rule, where a party to proceedings in England sought from the Scottish court an order requiring another party to the same proceedings in England to disclose information, the Scottish court should pay particular regard to the question whether the same or a similar remedy would in the circumstances have been granted by the English court.

In the particular case, where a patentee had raised an action in England alleging infringement of his patent, but the nature of the patented process was such that the end product did not reveal whether or not the patent had been infringed and the patentee was able only to state that he believed by inference that his patent had been infringed, the Scottish court would grant the patentee an order for the recovery of documents necessary for him to aver precisely how his patent was allegedly being infringed and thus to obtemper the rules for English patent actions.

The First Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so held, refusing a reclaiming motion made by BP Chemicals Ltd against an interlocutor of the Lord Ordinary granting an order under section 1 of the Administration of Justice (Scotland) Act 1972 as applied by section 28 of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 in a petition brought by *the Union Carbide Corporation*.

Mr James Taylor for BP; Mrs Anne Smith, QC and Mr David Johnston for Union Carbide.

THE LORD PRESIDENT said that that for the reasons given by Lord Cullen he was not persuaded that the Lord Ordinary had exercised his discretion in a way which would justify their Lordships' interfering with his decision.

There were, however, some matters of principle and practice on which his Lordship wished to comment.

The question whether the petitioners would be able, with the information that was already available to them, to provide all the particulars required by the rules of the English court was one that could be decided only by that court.

Yet it was was by reference to that same matter that the petitioners sought the order from the Scottish court. The situation in which the Scottish court was placed in such a case was a difficult one.

There was a risk that the exercise of the power might create an injustice in the proceedings in the other jurisdiction which it was designed to assist, for practice varied from one jurisdiction to another in regard to the disclosure and recovery of documents and the property.

The question whether the same or a similar remedy was available in the *other* jurisdiction was an important factor to which the Scottish court should have regarded in determining whether it should exercise its power under section 78.

The court should ask itself whether it would be consistent with the ends of justice for it to be exercised and, if so, on what terms an order should be made.

If it would be vexatious or oppressive for the order to be granted, especially in view of the nature and scope of equivalent or similar remedies available in the other jurisdiction, the order should be refused: compare *Société Industrielle Aerospatiale v Lee Kui Jak* ([1987] 1 AC 871).

There was a clear distinction between the case where the party against whom the order was sought was the same party as that against whom the proceedings in the other jurisdiction had been brought, and the case where the party against whom the order was sought was a stranger to the proceedings in the other *jurisdiction or where proceedings which* were likely had not yet been brought there.

In the latter case, it might be difficult to obtain an order in the other jurisdiction which could be enforced against him, unless recourse was had to the Scottish court which ex hypothesi had jurisdiction over him.

Such an order was unlikely to give rise to a risk of producing injustice as between the parties to the proceedings in the other jurisdiction. But the Scottish court had to be especially careful in cases in the former category not to grant a remedy which the other court, possessed of a similar power, would not provide in the same circumstances.

So far as the present proceedings were concerned, *his Lordship observed, inter* alia, that it was not normally the practice of the court to attach conditions to the use of information recovered by a party by means of a commission and diligence. But that it had power to do so was not in doubt: see *McInally v John Wyeth & Brother Ltd* (1992 SLT 345). In the unusual and difficult circumstances which arose *in this case, that procedure* was appropriate here.

LORD CULLEN said that section 1 of the 1972 Act provided that the court had power to order the inspection, photographing, preservation, custody and retention of documents and other property "which appear to the court to be property as to which any question may relevantly arise in any existing civil proceedings before that court or in civil proceedings which are likely to be brought."

Section 28 of the 1982 Act applied section 1 to cases in which any proceedings had been brought, or were likely to be brought, in another Brussels or Lugano Contracting State or in England and Wales or Northern Ireland.

The petitioners had served a writ in the High Court in England on the respondents, who carried on business in Scotland, alleging infringement of two European patents owned by the petitioners.

Under Order 104, rule 5(2) of the English Rules of the Supreme Court, a statement of claim fell to be served by the petitioners containing "particulars of the infringement relied on, showing which of the claims in the specification of the patent are alleged to be infringed and giving at least one instance of each type of infringement alleged".

In order to comply fully with that requirement, the petitioners now sought the recovery from the respondents of certain documents and other property.

The Lord Ordinary had had before him affidavit evidence from members of the English patent Bar and had taken the view that it was desirable that the issues should be identified as soon as possible.

The respondents had relied on the procedure for serving a notice on the other party to admit facts, which was followed by discovery.

The Lord Ordinary had taken the view that it seemed probable that any admissions would cover only matters of a somewhat elementary nature; and he *had not been confident that the* admissions would go far enough to enable the petitioners to focus what could become quite fine and delicate issues. Without significant narrowing of the *issues the eventual discovery* would be wide, uncertain and possibly inadequately directed.

He had considered that it was competent for the English court to grant an order for early discovery, that is, in advance of service of the defence, although it would do so only in exceptional circumstances, and had regarded the present circumstances as exceptional in as much as the precise operation of the process by the respondents could not be discovered from a study of the end product, while the respondents had adopted the unusual position of not seeking to challenge the reasonableness of the petitioners' belief, which was based solely on inference, that there was infringement.

The petitioners submitted that for present purposes it was enough if a Scottish court would have granted the order if the action had been proceeding in Scotland, but in his Lordship's view that was ill-founded.

Where a party to proceedings in another country had claimed that an order should be made under section 28 in order to enable him to satisfy a rule which applied in those proceedings, it was plain that for the purposes of deciding whether the order was reasonably necessary it was to the rules and practice of that other country and not those of Scotland that the court required to direct its attention.

The reclaimers argued that the Lord Ordinary had been wrong to find that admissions would be limited in extent, *emphasising* that it was very much in the interests of a party to make admissions, in order to avoid the risk of being found liable in costs; and in order to restrict being exposed to an unduly wide discovery.

While they were unable to specify what admissions they would make it was their understanding that they would be making a significant number as to the operation of the process.

Moreover, they submitted that it was *improbable that the English court* would have granted an order for discovery at the present stage: see *Intel Corp v General Instrument Corp* ([1989] FSR 640). They also relied on *R H M Foods Ltd v Bovril Ltd* ([1982] 1 WLR 661) as authority for the refusal of an order for early discovery before full and proper pleadings.

Furthermore, it was not clear that the Lord Ordinary had given due weight to the matter of confidentiality, for if his approach to the significance of admissions had been wrong it followed that he had exposed the respondents to an unduly wide disclosure.

His Lordship was not persuaded that the Lord Ordinary had exercised his discretion in a manner which justified their Lordships' interference. It had plainly been open to him to hold that all that the petitioners could do in the current state of their knowledge was to serve pleadings which reflected the letter of rule 5(2) without satisfying its spirit.

It was certainly debatable whether the English court would have refused to make an order for early discovery to enable a fully adequate statement of claim and particulars of infringement to be served. The Lord Ordinary's conclusion on that point was one which he had been entitled to reach.

It had been of considerable importance to the respondents' case to persuade him that the admissions procedure was likely to yield a significant narrowing of the issues but there had been conflicting evidence before him about that and he had been entitled to prefer the petitioners' view.

Since his decision, the petitioners had served particulars of infringement in the English court which *plainly* proceeded upon inferences, stating specifically that those inferences were made pending compliance by the respondents with the interlocutor of the Lord Ordinary.

His Lordship was not persuaded that that had made any real difference to the petitioners' position. It did not represent a difference of substance in regard to the identification of the issues.

Their Lordships should adhere to the interlocutor of the Lord Ordinary. However, before that step was taken, the Court should satisfy itself by hearing the parties that so far as was practicable suitable arrangements had been made between the parties as to the persons to whom and the purposes for which the documents were to be made available.

Lord Mayfield agreed.

Law agents: Brodies, WS; McGrigor Donald.

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THE TIMES

Call to change law for small businesses

Call to change law for small businesses

By Rodney Hobson

A NEW form of incorporation for small businesses, replacing the concept of limited liability, is urged by Andrew Hicks, a solicitor and lecturer at Exeter University, in a report issued through the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants.

Mr Hicks says that small businesses need a legal structure that minimises registration costs, the filing of accounts and formal procedures. He wants to see fewer business forms and the repealing and redrafting of whole blocks of legislation. The new form of incorporation could be based on existing partnership law.

He argues that the privilege of limited liability is too lightly conferred and now protects those who actively manage businesses rather than the shareholders who take no part in the running of the enterprise.

He says: "Limited liability was primarily intended to protect passive investors, not business proprietors running their own firm."

Research conducted by his university colleague, Jeff Smallcombe, showed that limited liability was not an overriding consideration for owners of small businesses to seek incorporation. Many gave personal guarantees against bank loans, effectively removing the benefit of limited liability.

On the other hand, Mr Hicks argues, small trade creditors are unprotected when a limited company fails. "Limited liability is a privilege that may easily be abused at the expense of creditors," he says. "Small business people often use limited companies simply because they are there and are cheap to acquire — in my opinion too cheap."

Provisions for disqualifying unfit directors were "little more than a cosmetic attempt" to withdraw the privilege of limited liability as a protective measure. Mr Hicks says there is no evidence that discouraging the use of limited liability would inhibit business start-ups.

He says: "Bearing in mind the impact of business failures on other businesses, what is fundamental is the establishment of responsibly run businesses that will be successful and will continue to discharge their liabilities."

Organic growth of the valley's Big Cheese

By Alan Road

Core business: Dougal Campbell was inspired by cheese making in Switzerland in the Sixties

AFTER Dougal Campbell graduated in 1969, he financed his passion for mountaineering in Switzerland by working on a remote alpine farm. "I learnt to milk a cow and make cheese," he says. The civil engineer became hooked on organic farming.

The most exotic cheese that Mr Campbell had encountered when growing up in London was Dairy Lea. "This was a whole new world," he says. "Cheese became something wonderful and living."

The traditional, low-tech cheesemaking process was picture-postcard material, he recalls, with wood fires and copper vats. Work was hard but well paid and a favourable exchange rate for expatriates helped Mr Campbell to build a nest egg for his return to Britain in 1976. After scouring the country in an old van in search of a suitable smallholding, he bought a ruined farmhouse and 45 acres near Lampeter in west Wales.

Mr Campbell set out to develop his own cheese-making style. He bought four cows and put up a small roadside sign advertising his "farmhouse cheese". He says: "Within three years, we had a thriving farm-gate business."

In the mid-Eighties, the property boom created good conditions for a move. Mr Campbell sold the farm he had bought for £14,500 to the first enquirer at his asking price of more than £80,000. For £100,000, he bought an old 120-acre dairy farm a couple of miles up the road, good enough to support 30 cows. To buy a milk quota, he had to lay out a further £20,000.

Mr Campbell knew that he could not make a replica Swiss cheese in Wales. "Milk is a cocktail produced by the cows, soil, grass and climate," he says. Instead, he developed Welsh farmhouse Cheddar named Ty'n Grug and followed it up with Pencarreg.

In 1986, Mr Campbell and four like-minded farmers founded Welsh Organic Foods to make and market cheese. It now employs six people, including Mr Campbell as managing director. Turnover was £380,000 last year.

The company produces about 100 tonnes of cheese a year, as much as a large dairy could produce in a day. Low-volume production means high overheads.

Mr Campbell says: "Organic cheese is expensive not because we are making a fortune, but because my distribution costs are between 15p and 20p a pound."

Mr Campbell enjoys his dual role of farmer and entrepreneur. When he has been locked in negotiations with supermarket buyers, he finds it therapeutic to escape to the calm of his cowshed and do some milking. "And," he says, "on days when it's freezing cold and pouring with rain, it's great to come into a warm office and tackle the paperwork."

Companies switch on to the noticeboard of tomorrow's world

By Sally Watts

A NEW network, Co-ordinet, has been formed to provide small firms and independent consultants with a computer marketplace, enabling them to sell their products, find services they need and make contact by electronic mail.

Co-ordinet was co-founded by Gordon Rowlands, a materials technologist, who describes it as "an example of what happens in tomorrow's world". In the few months since it started, some 30 businesses nationwide have joined.

Dr Rowlands says: "Co-ordinet is a noticeboard with its own piece of electronic network for business users: those wanting to buy in external help, or providing a service — from exporting to packaging — or large companies making staff redundant. We will train them to run a business and they can use Co-ordinet to launch it."

Businesses pay £265 for enrolment and a year's membership, after which the annual cost is £100. The service includes a database.

Dr Rowlands became redundant in 1990 after 16 years with Johnson Matthey, first in R&D, and then in operations. He started an innovation and marketing consultancy, Innovations Unlimited, at his home in Macclesfield; an associate, Alan Lawton, a member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing, handles marketing and sales.

Another idea is to support businesses with development and finance in exchange for a return on sales. A client invented two related products, but was unable to continue funding them. Innovations Unlimited joined him to set up a limited company, Statpad, investing development time and £30,000 — though not as equity. It now owns 48 per cent of the new business and expects to start profiting from sales this spring.

Dr Rowlands believes "services in exchange for sales" can apply equally to many types of small business, including market research, promotion, PR, packaging and design or technical help, provided profit margins are reasonable.

"If lack of finance constrains your business, you have to find ways of raising money, especially if your area offers few grants," he says. "A way forward can be by inter-trading between entrepreneurs, using future sales to fund working capital."

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☐ Manchester Business School's internship scheme, which hires out MBA students to companies as consultants, is to be repeated. The students will have completed the first year at the school and typically will be about 27 years old and have a degree and four years of work experience. Companies employ the students for 10 to 12 weeks between June and September at a cost of £400 to £600.

☐ A set of three booklets for personal business advisers has been produced by the UK Co-operative Council on behalf of the DTI. Topics covered are succession, employee ownership and co-operatives. Contact: 1 Balloon Street, Manchester M60 4EP.

☐ Lloyds Bank has produced a new insurance policy, Hospital Income Plan, to provide small business owners with a cash sum for each day spent in hospital. Group schemes are available.

☐ Confirmation that the sole proprietor works hardest is found in the survey by NatWest Bank. It says nearly 25 per cent of businesses where proprietors work on their own are running at or above the maximum capacity that can be sustained. Companies with two employees run at 69 per cent of potential output and those with 25-50 staff at about 86 per cent.

☐ Hereford & Worcester Business Link is offering to supply credit reports for £20 per company. Businesses can ensure that any files kept on them by credit agencies are accurate or check on the creditworthiness of their debtors. Details: 0800 104010.

☐ Bradford & District Training and Enterprise Council has secured more than £500,000 from the European Social Fund for projects to help disadvantaged groups, including ethnic minorities, the unemployed and ex-offenders.

☐ More than two-thirds of small businesses admit they are having difficulty keeping up with changes in information technology, according to Lloyds Bank. Lack of technical support, suitable training courses and objective advice are cited as the stumbling blocks.

☐ Information on trading with Europe is offered in a new book, *Business Guide to EU Initiatives*, produced by the American Chamber of Commerce in Belgium. Price: 1,500 Belgian francs (£32). More details: 00 322 513 6892. Other new international business guides are *EU Trade with Eastern Europe: Adjustment and Opportunities* and *Foundations of an Open Economy: Trade Laws and Institutions for Eastern Europe*, published by the Centre for Economic Policy and Research. Price: £16.95 each. Details: 0171-734 9110.

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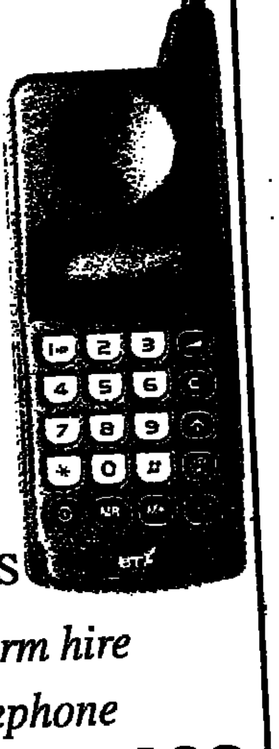

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154.20	Cater Allen	473	+ 14	7.5	9.8
11,070.10	Citicorp	£29¾	+ 1⅝		
248.50	Close Brost	261		3.8	11.8
4,736.28	Commerzbk	£144½	- 1⅞	3.7	...
38,179.90	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1225	+ 56¼	0.5	
14,027.70	Deutsche Bk	£295¾	- 8⅝	2.5	
140.00	Espirito Santo	653½	+ 3½	12.4	
40,096.70	Fuji Bank Y	1984	+ 86	0.5	
203.10	Gerrard Nat	417	+ 2	7.2	12.0
387.30	Hambros	208	- 10	9.0	12.8
6,429.30	HSBC†	754½	+ 27½	4.5	9.5
12,953.30	HSBC HK†	739½	+ 26	4.6	9.3
19.30	Joseph (L)	365		6.0	10.6
15.50	King Shaxson	89	- 3	12.6	8.8
850.40	Kleinwort Bent	644	- 17	4.2	11.5
8,112.50	Lloyds†	625	- 4	5.7	10.5
7,383.20	Nat Aust Bk	557	+ 16	6.2	9.5
9,593.80	Nat West†	552	+ 10	4.9	9.3
118.80	Ottoman Bank	2375		6.8	3.3
22.80	Rea Brost	56	- 1½	2.3	
3,400.50	Ryl Bk Scot	424	+ 15	4.1	12.1
1,639.00	Schroders†	1620	+ 93	1.6	15.5
418.50	Schroders N/V†	1443	+ 93	1.8	13.7
161.30	Singer & Fried	83	+ 1	5.4	
2,817.80	Stand Chart†	292	- 2	3.4	8.8
3,705.00	TSB	242	- 2	4.7	10.3
21.50	Union†	81	- 3	4.6	
1,648.70	Warburg SG	746	+ 20	3.7	13.7
5,125.20	Wells Fargo	£100	+ 200	2.9	
4,273.30	Westpac	234¼	+ 5¼	2.4	
17.40	Wintrust	265	...	6.5	13.7

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
40.80	Ascot Hldgs	148	+ 3		
4,835.80	Bass	553	- 9	4.8	13.7
327.10	Boddington†	269	+ 1	4.1	13.8
33.50	Burtonwd Brw	161		4.0	13.5
31.70	Eldridge P 'A'	153	+ 4	3.3	18.6
1,802.60	Fosters Brewing	56	+ 3	4.9	14.5
73.80	Fullr Sm 'A'	362	+ 4	2.7	15.0
941.00	Greenalls Grp	450	+ 6	3.6	14.8
216.70	Greene King	510	+ 4	3.2	13.9
48.80	Hardy Hansn	244	+ 1	4.8	11.9
3.59	Heavitree	156		3.6	11.0
104.80	Holt J	3380		1.8	18.6
157.90	Mansfield	246	+ 11	2.4	15.0
363.70	Marston Thmp	293	+ 1	2.6	14.3
96.60	Morland	445	+ 10	3.0	13.4
9.44	Paramount†	8	+ ¼	3.9	18.9
50.90	Regent Inns	344	+ 6	2.1	19.7
4,688.00	SA Breweries	1668¼	- 25	1.7	26.9
2,873.30	Scot & New	533	+ 1	4.0	15.4
330.60	Vaux Group	236	+ 12	5.2	13.3
175.10	Wetherspoon JD†	481	+ 22½	1.9	22.2
2,929.20	Whitbread	559	- 6	4.3	15.3
335.20	Wolverhamptn D	504	- 7	3.4	13.1
80.40	Yates Bros	205		2.3	16.2
13.30	Young 'A'	455		4.1	19.2

DISTRIBUTORS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
25.90	ABI Leis	96	+ 3	5.3	11.0
23.60	Adam & Harvey	550		3.5	6.9
8.06	Alexanders†	20	+ 2	8.2	9.6
71.20	Appleyard†	107	- 1	6.8	
9.85	Ass Br Eng	3¾		1.7	26.8
145.40	BSS Group	565	+ 3	4.1	19.6
7.43	Bearing Power	21		6.0	10.8
1.21	Bogod 'A'	25	- 1	3.5	10.5
163.00	Brammer	363	+ 5	4.7	
4.12	Bridgend Gp	15		1.7	78.0
22.10	Brit Fittings	93		5.4	
12.60	Brown & Tawse	39	+ 11		
34.80	Burndene	33		7.3	
8.09	Caffyns	245	+ 35	5.9	40.2
10.00	Central Mtr	73	+ 4	4.7	48.6
15.40	Cook (DC)	36		4.0	11.0
423.40	Cowie	263	- 4½	4.3	11.3
33.80	Dag Motors†	139	+ 9	6.3	
25.20	Dewhurst B	573	- 8	1.5	14.2
244.30	Diploma	437	- 3	3.9	15.3
1,129.20	Electrocompnts	537	+ 8	2.4	22.0
41.60	Electron House	163	+ 3	2.7	13.7
199.80	Ellis & Everard	239	+ 4	4.1	15.9
56.30	European Mtr	105	+ 6	5.4	11.4
119.40	Evans Halshaw†	373	+ 5	5.0	
802.30	Farnell Elect	593	+ 12	1.7	24.3
5.95	Fife Indmar▼	48		7.8	
23.40	Gardiner†	21¼	+ ¼	4.6	10.0
4.05	Glenchewton	16			17.7
5.64	Gowrings	62		4.0	18.8
28.10	Hatton Hldgs†	70		1.8	13.4
17.90	Harris (Philip)	166	- 1	5.2	14.6
145.00	Henlys†	304	+ 5	3.5	14.1
2.87	Holdas Tech†	92		8.2	
95.50	ISA Intl	89	+ ¼	2.7	
1,649.50	Inchcape†	313	+ 10	6.0	12.1
6.36	Jacks (Wm)	56			13.4
247.50	Kwik-Fit	143½		3.8	14.2
318.30	Lex Service	334	- 1	5.2	17.8
32.80	Lookers†	169	+ 3	5.6	8.3
23.70	Malaya Grpt	14½	+ ¼	3.4	34.5
34.00	Middlesex C	6	- 1	1.1	
34.80	Norbain	335	- 30	0.8	14.9
13.30	Northamber	78	- 2	2.1	33.1
13.40	PCT	152		6.1	14.7
91.40	Pendragon†	238	+ 4	4.3	13.8
35.70	Perry Gp	141	+ 2	6.9	
31.10	Quicks Group	135		5.2	
15.50	REA	170	+ 7	4.4	35.2
5.31	Reece	3	+ ¼		...
7.75	Ross Gp	5¼	+ ¼	4.8	
38.30	SEP Indl	48½	+ 1	2.7	16.2
17.30	TLS Range	48	+ 9	4.0	
122.70	Time Products	231	+ 4	4.7	15.5
99.50	Vardy (Regt)	215	+ 10	3.0	16.0
34.80	Wholesale Ftgs	245	+ 2	6.0	21.8
23.70	Wills Grt	13½		4.6	7.6
55.10	Wilshaw	66½	- ½	1.2	22.4
35.10	Wyko▼	71	+ 1	1.8	25.6
12.10	Young (H)	73		6.2	13.7

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
239.10	BM Biotech	495	- 1	...	...
14.70	Cantab Pharma	146	- 10	...	...
209.70	Celltech	295	+ 8	...	...
81.80	Chiroscience	129		...	...
42.80	Cortecs	38	- 1	...	...
1,239.20	Fisons	178	- 5	3.1	...
24,755.40	Glaxo	713	- 16	4.9	16.3
82.00	Hampden Rdg	118	+ 1	4.3	
646.70	Medeva	225½	+ 10½	1.8	15.5
2.82	Premier Health	1			
32.20	Quality Care	230		2.4	11.4
259.08	Scotia	401	+ 4	...	
8.37	Shield Diag	45	+ 5		
7,207.20	SmithKline†	520	+ 14	3.1	28.0
6,602.40	SmithKline Unt	504	+ 18	3.2	27.1
9,305.00	Wellcome†	1061	- 3	2.7	22.8
8,460.50	Zeneca†	888	- 17	4.0	20.9

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5,577.70	Allied Domecq	541	- 6	5.2	16.8
213.30	Bulmer (HP)	404	- 1	3.4	21.8
60.50	Burn Stewart	102	+ 1¾	8.1	21.8
8,458.40	Grand Met	405	+ 7	4.3	18.3
9,448.00	Guinness†	468	+ 5	3.7	14.7
470.10	Highland Dist	354	+ 8	2.6	15.9
218.70	Macallan-Glen†	195	+ ¼	0.9	
86.30	Macdo Mtn 'A'	630		2.9	27.1
264.40	Matthew Clark	578	+ 8	4.1	26.4
8.94	Merrydown W	82	+ 1	3.8	
157.70	Taunton Cider	144	+ 6	5.9	11.2

MEDIA

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
110.70	Abbott Mead	347		2.7	
50.70	Adscene	285	- 5	3.1	17.8
200.40	Aegis Gp	24½			9.8
3.44	Allied Radio	2½			
1.08	BBB Design	13			35.9
33.30	Barbour Index	197	+ 10	5.5	17.6
4.76	Birkdale	5¼			
5.95	Black (A&C)	325		5.6	

OTHER FINANCIAL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
17.60	BWD†	91	- 3	5.8	8.8
38.00	Baltic Prct	129		2.9	
3.44	Berry Bds Wt	53	..	12.0	8.8
90.30	Beta Inv	152			

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	101¼		10.14	6.31
842	Treas 12¾% 1995	103⅝	- 1/16	12.31	6.50
770	Treas 14% 1996	105¼	- ⅛	13.30	6.54
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	108	- ⅛	14.09	6.58
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	105¾	- ⅛	12.46	7.01
2,400	Conv 10% 1996	102	- ⅛	9.84	7.37
1,999	Treas 7% 1997	98½	- ⅛	7.10	7.63
1,250	Treas 13¼% 1997	109	- 1/16	12.14	7.58
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	104	- ⅛	10.01	7.58
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	102	- ⅛	8.58	7.76
830	Exch 15% 1997	115	- ⅛	12.93	7.87
3,560	Exch 9¾% 1998	104¼	- ⅛	9.35	7.96
6,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	98½	- ⅛	7.39	7.96
1,300	Treas 9½% 1995-98	99	+ ⅛	6.58	7.97
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	115	- ⅛	12.10	8.15
935	Treas 15½% 1998	121	- ⅛	12.71	8.04
2,909	Exch 12% 1998	111	- ⅛	10.75	8.15
1,200	Treas 9½% 1999	104	- ⅛	9.11	8.13
3,052	Exch 12¼% 1999	112	- ⅛	10.91	8.20
1,262	Treas 10½% 1999	107	- ⅛	4.74	8.20
6,250	Treas 6% 1999	92	- ⅛	6.50	8.12
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	107	+ ⅛	9.55	8.26

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	103	- ⅛	8.74	8.20
2,800	Treas 8% 2000	97	- ⅛	8.08	8.16
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	117	- ⅛	10.90	8.34
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	107	- ⅛	9.30	8.31
7,250	Treas 7% 2001	92	- ⅛	7.48	8.27
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	107	+ ⅛	9.10	8.40
8,250	Treas 8% 2003	97	+ ⅛	8.19	8.36
2,520	Treas 10% 2003	109	- ⅛	9.18	8.42
1,820	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113	- ⅛	10.12	8.49
547	Fund 3½% 1999-04	77	- ⅛	4.58	7.05
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	106	+ ⅛	8.89	8.41
8,500	Treas 9½% 2004	97	+ ⅛	7.54	8.33

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
6,400	Treas 8½% 2005	101⅛	+ ⅛	8.41	8.31
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	107	+ ⅛	8.86	8.48
2,300	Treas 12½% 2003-05	123	- ⅛	10.14	8.59
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	95	+ ⅛	8.11	8.33
2,050	Treas 8% 2002-06	97	+ ⅛	8.22	8.39
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	117	+ ⅛	10.02	8.61
7,397	Treas 8½% 2007	101	+ ⅛	8.40	8.32
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	130	+ ⅛	10.38	8.59
5,621	Treas 9% 2008	105	+ ⅛	8.55	8.32
3,450	Treas 8% 2009	97	+ ⅛	8.23	8.32

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
4,750	Treas 6¼% 2010	82	+ ⅛	7.58	8.25
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	105	+ ⅛	8.51	8.32
5,351	Treas 9% 2012	106	+ ⅛	8.49	8.31
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75	+ ⅛	7.25	8.09
5,800	Treas 8% 2013	97	+ ⅛	8.23	8.27
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94	+ ⅛	8.19	8.27
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	104	+ ⅛	8.35	8.25
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	132	+ ⅛	9.05	8.46

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Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	42	+ ⅛	8.28	..
475	Treas 2½%	29	+ ⅛	8.39	

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Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	10%	5%
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	198	- 1/16	1.32	3.00
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109	+ ⅛	2.55	3.41
1,600	Treas IL 2½% 2001	163	+ ⅛	3.33	3.75
1,600	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162	+ ⅛	3.43	3.76
1,050	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	118	+ ⅛	3.48	3.77
3,750	Treas IL 2% 2006	173	+ ⅛	3.52	3.76
1,900	Treas IL 2½% 2009	156	+ ⅛	3.57	3.77
2,100	Treas IL 2½% 2011	162	+ ⅛	3.60	3.78
2,600	Treas IL 2½% 2013	133	+ ⅛	3.61	3.77
2,800	Treas IL 2½% 2016	142	- ⅛	3.64	3.80
2,900	Treas IL 2½% 2020	138	- ⅛	3.67	3.80
2,450	Treas IL 2½% 2024	113	+ ⅛	3.66	3.78
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	112	+ ⅛	3.68	3.80

Forex dealers on alert

European currency dealers return to their desks from the long Easter weekend today and will, for the first time, have the chance to react to Friday's news that Japan cut its official discount rate by 0.75 per cent to 1 per cent and promised to take further action to stimulate the economy.

Dealers in London will have to adjust their positions to respond to the reaction on Wall Street, where markets were open yesterday. Currency movements are likely to continue to dominate the headlines in a week that sees few major statistics.

In Britain, one of the main events will be publication on Wednesday of the minutes of the March 8 monetary meeting. Since then, Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George have met again and the markets, which widely expect another rate rise after the May 5 meeting, will be looking at the minutes for a clue to official thinking.

Other British statistics include the March public sector borrowing requirement on Thursday. This is crucial because it gives the full-year PSBR. The November Budget projection was for a PSBR of £34.4 billion and median market expectations are for a PSBR in March of £8.5 billion, taking the full-year requirement to £33.7 billion.

Friday sees publication of retail sales figures for March. A rise of 0.3 per cent is expected, taking year-on-year growth in sales to only 2.2 per cent, against 2.6 per cent in February. However, some analysts predict that sales volumes may even have fallen in March.

Among overseas indicators expected this week are US housing starts for March, due today, and February balance of payments figures, due tomorrow. On Thursday, the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank publishes its assessment of the US economy.

Germany will publish producer prices figures for March, provisional consumer prices figures for April and M3 money supply figures for March. The Bundesbank meets on Thursday, having cut key interest rates a fortnight ago. Markets will be looking to see if its new variable rate repo is lowered.

The other focus for markets will be the French presidential elections, the first round of which takes place on Sunday. On Friday, Jacques Chirac, the Conservative Mayor of Paris, stretched his opinion poll lead against Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister. The latest opinion poll pointed to a run-off between M Chirac and Lionel Jospin, the socialist, which M Chirac would be expected to win. The franc may come under pressure before the poll amid concern that M Chirac is not as committed to the "franc fort" policy.

JANET BUSH

COMPANIES

PHILIP PANGALOS

Mirror Group set to resume payout

MIRROR GROUP: Mirror Group, the newspapers group headed by David Montgomery, chief executive, looks set to announce its first annual dividend payout since 1992. The team at NatWest Securities is looking for 3p (nil) a share.

The payout is likely to accompany other good news when Mirror Group publishes results on Thursday, with rising circulations for a number of its major titles and improved advertising. The core *Mirror* titles are expected to have performed "remarkably well" over the second half of 1994.

Attention will focus on any information that throws light on how the management will address the problem of the *Independent* titles and how circulations will be increased as the newspaper price war continues. The market also awaits news on cost-cutting and plans for the future. Switching production to Canary Wharf, in London's Docklands, has already brought savings. News is also awaited on the group's emerging television strategy and any indication of the costs involved.

NatWest believes that the figures may be distorted by pension fund provisions, which could leave pre-tax profits for 1994 at about £71 million (£132 million). Market forecasts range from £71 million to £85 million.

WASTE MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL: The environmental services group, which is the British offshoot of the American giant WMX Technologies, is expected to report slightly lower first-quarter profits late today, but attention will focus on the group's European markets and any sign that they are turning the corner.

The company accompanied the announcement in February of lower than expected full-year profits with a warning to shareholders not to expect more than 5 per cent earnings growth in 1995 as a result of difficult markets in Europe. NatWest Securities says that WMI is experiencing reduced profits in Italy, poor returns in Germany and intense competition in France, where losses could continue for the time being. On a brighter note, there should be signs of progress in the increasingly important UK and Hong Kong markets.

NatWest has pencilled in first-quarter pre-tax profits of £35.7 million (£38.7 million), on increased turnover of £270 million (£256 million), with earnings predicted to dip to 6p (6.4p) a share.

SMITHKLINE BEECHAM: UBS is looking for first-quarter pre-tax profits of £348 million (£353 million). Market forecasts range from £345 million to £370 million. A quarterly dividend of 3.3p (3p) is expected. The first-quarter figures, due on Thursday, will be distorted by an exceptional profit of about £500 million on SB's $1.45 billion sale of its animal health division to Pfizer, the US pharmaceutical group. Including exceptionals, UBS expects first-quarter pre-tax profits of £860 million.

HENRY BOOT: Investors in the housebuilder should be rewarded with an improved dividend of 7p (6.5p) tomorrow. UBS expects final pre-tax profits to climb to £8.1 million (£7.6 million). The results will be another guide to the state of the housing market, and prospects for summer and autumn.

HOUSE OF FRASER: In spite of strong Christmas sales, up by about 10 per cent, pre-Christmas markdowns and increased marketing spend saw margins stay under pressure, which is likely to have taken a toll on the department store group's full-year result. Final pre-tax profits, due on Thursday, are expected to dip to £36 million (£38.2 million), according to NatWest Securities. Market forecasts range from £36 million to £38 million. However, an improved dividend of 5.5p (5p) is predicted.

Gross margins are expected to be down about 1 per cent, though a marked improvement is expected in the current year as the group moves to close poorer-performing stores and end its exceptional promotion spend. Analysts do not see House of Fraser breaking through the pain barrier in the current year, but promotions are likely to be more value-added, rather than discounting. Attention will focus on comments about current trading and prospects.

IBSTOCK: The brickmaker is expected to announce a return to the black on Thursday. The recession, which so badly scarred the construction industry, left the group in the red in 1992 and 1993. However, UBS forecasts a pre-tax profit of £11 million for 1994, against a loss of £18.7 million. A maintained dividend of 1p is predicted.

News is awaited after recent confirmation that Ibstock had approached Tarmac, the construction giant, about acquiring its bricks interests. Industry experts estimate that a deal could be worth about £60 million. Any move would reinforce Ibstock's position as Britain's third-largest brickmaker, behind Hanson and Redland.

Ibstock has been concentrating on its brick operations after increasing its capacity by 25 per cent, with two acquisitions in Scotland. Ibstock's brickmaking capacity was raised by 50 million bricks to 400 million last year. It also unveiled plans last month to sell its 56.3 per cent stake in Companhia de Celulose do Caima, the Portuguese forestry and pulp group, with the stake estimated to be worth £46.7 million.

A combined share of about 50 per cent of the UK market for bricks is held by Hanson, with an estimated 30 per cent, and Redland, with about 20 per cent. Ibstock, which is conducting due diligence studies on Tarmac's brick operations, has a 10 per cent market share, while, Tarmac, Britain's fourth-largest brick maker, has between 5 and 8 per cent. An acquisition of Tarmac's brick businesses would give Ibstock's enlarged operations up to 18 per cent of the UK market.

Any such move would see Britain's top three players carve up virtually 70 per cent of the brick market, which is widely expected to result in consolidation, viewed by analysts as positive for the industry as a whole because it may allow useful price rises as market positions are leveraged.

David Montgomery's Mirror Group has made savings by swinging into Canary Wharf

RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Automated Security (Q1), Five Oaks Investments, Regina, Upton & Southern, Waste Management International (Q1). **Finals:** Arlen.

TOMORROW

Interims: Premium Underwriting. **Finals:** Henry Boot & Sons, IFG Group, Jefferson Smurfit, Oriel Group, River & Mercantile Geared Capital, Toye & Co. **Economic statistics:** Minutes of monetary meeting (March 8).

THURSDAY

Interims: Centregold, Albert Fisher, SmithKline Beecham (Q1), WEW Group. **Finals:** Brown & Jackson, Computerised Financial Solutions, Eyecare Products, Gowrings, Havelock Europa, House of Fraser, Ibstock, Jackson Group, Linton Park, Mirror Group, Tullow Oil. **Economic statistics:** Motor vehicle production (March), public sector borrowing requirement (March).

FRIDAY

Interims: Deutschland Investment Corporation, Lowland Investment Company. **Finals:** Bullers, How Group, HC Slingsby, North Atlantic Smaller Companies, Reed Executive. **Economic statistics:** Engineering sales and orders at current and constant prices (February), retail sales (March), financial statistics (April).

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy BBA, Eyecare. Sell What Everyone Wants. *The Sunday Telegraph:* Buy Ferguson Intl, Scotia. Sell Sun Alliance. *The Observer:* Buy Havelock Europa, Goldsmiths, Stakis. Sell Laura Ashley. *The Independent on Sunday:* Buy Bunzl, John Mansfield, Severfield-Reeve. *The Mail on Sunday:* Buy Blenheim, Severfield-Reeve: Sell Bodycote, Alvis.

CHANGE ON WEEK

US dollar
1.6050 (-0.0015)
German mark
2.2289 (+0.0100)
Exchange index
84.4 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

FT 30 share
2446.7 (-7.4)
FT-SE 100
3208.8 (-2.1)
New York Dow Jones
4208.18 (+15.56)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
16438.79 (+719.29)

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.25	2.08
Austria Sch	16.70	15.20
Belgium Fr	48.85	44.55
Canada $	2.296	2.136
Cyprus Cyp£	0.748	0.683
Denmark Kr	9.37	8.57
Finland Mkk	7.43	6.78
France Fr	8.22	7.57
Germany Dm	2.39	2.18
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Hong Kong $	12.95	11.95
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
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Italy Lira	2845.00	2690.00
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Sweden Kr	12.31	11.51
Switzerland Fr	1.97	1.79
Turkey Lira	refer	85404.0
USA $	1.689	1.559

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Offer sidelines new electricity meters

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

PLANS to introduce "intelligent" electricity meters that would enable Britain's 24 million households to buy power from the cheapest supplier around the clock have been sidelined by Offer, the electricity regulator.

Experts charged with preparations for competition in the household market are expressing mounting concern about the problems of running a market that would need more than 1 billion transactions to be recorded each day.

Warnings that effective monitoring and billing systems cannot be in place by 1998 are a severe blow to government plans to introduce competition for household electricity supplies to coincide with the extension of competition in the gas market.

Offer has been forced to fall back on a compromise scheme that will sort most customers into charging bands according to their pattern of power use — a process called "profiling".

Minutes from the first meeting of the 1998 Co-ordination Group, set up by Offer in January, say: "The preferred solution is likely to feature a mixture of profiling and half-hourly metering." Only the largest homes are likely to have intelligent meters, the minutes show.

These proposals will sacrifice Offer's core aim of achieving efficiency gains by persuading families to trim electricity consumption at periods of peak power demand.

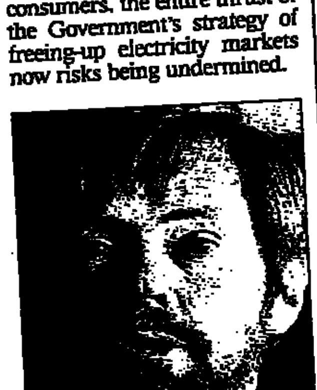
High-tech electronic meters would have automatically enabled householders to exploit cheap off-peak supplies to run appliances, replacing existing Economy 7 schemes.

By dividing consumers into four types, new proposals also run the risk that one or more groups will prove unattractive to suppliers, bringing the market-opening plans into disrepute with consumers.

In a compromise move, Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, ordered the executive committee of the "Pool" wholesale market to draw up plans for processing purchases and billing customers using a variety of "profile" schemes. But the executive, made up of electricity company chiefs, is still scarred by billing difficulties that arose when competition was extended to small firms last year.

In a report to Professor Littlechild, expected this month, the executive is expected to press for competition to be based on simple charging bands to avoid the risk of chaos between generators and suppliers.

These would enable rival suppliers to buy power for households on the basis of standardised demand patterns. But critics say that without proper safeguards focused on consumers, the entire thrust of the Government's strategy of freeing-up electricity markets now risks being undermined.



Littlechild: compromise

WORDWATCHING

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STOTINKA
(b) A Bulgarian unit of currency, one-hundredth of a *lev*, a coin of this value. From the Bulgarian word. "The monetary unit is the lev, or lion, nominally equal to the franc, with its submultiple, the stotinka (pl -ki), or centime."

THUGYI
(a) The headman of a village, from the Burmese, also *thoogyee*. "Old thugyis with their grey hair knotted behind their heads."

TRITICALE
(c) A hybrid cereal grass, of the genus X *Triticosecale*, produced by crossing various species or varieties of wheat and rye. From the modern Latin generic names *Tritic(um* wheat + *Se)cale* rye. "From a slow start in the 1950s triticale is now growing on more than half a million hectares, in the USSR, Europe, the United States and South America."

VORLAUFER
(b) A skier who travels a course before a race in order to establish a standard by which the competitors are marked. From the German *vorlaufer* precursor, forerunner, *vorlaufen* to run on ahead. "As a result of the vorlaufer's times, the announcer foresaw a winning time in the region of 1.55 to 1.60 minutes."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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WALL STREET

NEW YORK: American shares held their gains in early trading in spite of a weakening in the bond market as favourable corporate earnings raised hopes of generally stronger than expected first-quarter results. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 21.44 points to 4,299.62. Greg Nie, of Kemper Securities, said that the market was being influenced by continued positive earning results, a further embracing of the soft landing scenario, but was ignoring the weakness in the dollar.

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Back to those bad old Anglo-Saxon tricks

GRAHAM SEARJEANT

According to the cultural cliché, American financiers are flamboyant and aggressive. Few fit this stereotype better than Kirk Kerkorian, the self-made billionaire who committed the ultimate cultural sin of vandalising Hollywood for a buck. Mr Kerkorian has announced a $23 billion takeover bid for Chrysler, America's recovering third motor manufacturer. This appears to be less an offer, and more a flamboyant, aggressive version of the psychologist's "cry for help". Answering it would kick America's big manufacturing industry a bit further down the helter-skelter.

Mr Kerkorian, like other shareholders, has lost money because Chrysler's rating has fallen: investors fear that America's economy may be entering the downswing of the durable goods cycle. However, Mr Kerkorian has noticed that Chrysler has salted away lots of cash during the fat years to prepare for the thin. He reckons that this cash would be better used making good his losses, if not those of other shareholders. As a flexible financier, he does not care much whether that is achieved by a spot of asset-stripping, by flushing out a bid from a third party or by persuading Chrysler to redeem his shares at a profit by borrowing money instead of saving cash.

In Wall Street jargon, this is called "maximising shareholder value". It is what mainly distinguishes the Anglo-Saxon economies, where long-term living standards are stagnating, from the German/Japanese model of long-term manufacturing growth. You would think that the aftermath of the leveraged buyouts of the 1980s, which did so much to weaken America's competitiveness, would have taught people a lasting lesson. In the event, the lesson has lasted for just one economic cycle.

While Mr Kerkorian made the biggest headlines, Edgar Bronfman, of Seagram, was doing much the same thing. Seagram bought control of MCA from Japan's Matsushita with some of the $7.7 billion that it netted by persuading DuPont to redeem its 23 per cent stake in the chemicals and oil group. At the visionary level, this can be read as free markets transferring funds efficiently from a mature business to one at the meeting point of exciting technical developments. More prosaically, it drains resources out of American industry, undermining growth, trade and the dollar.

The climate is exactly right for another outbreak of the Anglo-Saxon disease in Britain. Improving trade, and costs that were carved to the bone during recession, are allowing companies to build up cash fast. In classic economics textbooks, this cash should be used to fund investment in expansion, generating more growth and higher living standards. Some entrepreneurial companies are doing just that — for instance, by using the cash flow from rationalised businesses to fund new developments that may be risky but could be highly profitable.

Many more cannot see the opportunities — except for investment in further cost-cutting — because they have to peer over an artificially high hurdle called the required rate of return on new investment. Last summer, a CBI study found that most medium-sized manufacturers were still demanding a three-year payback on new investment. Of firms targeting money rates of return, the most popular minimum was 17 per cent. ICI said that it was looking for 20 per cent on net assets, averaged over the cycle. No wonder investment is sluggish, although forecasters rely on strong growth in capital spending to keep the economy going beyind this year.

Compare this attitude with, say, Sulzer, the diversified Swiss engineering group that reported last week. Sulzer manages to keep profits rising despite having two-fifths of production in Switzerland and being stuck in some unpromising businesses. It does so by heavy research and development, as well as investment, but still makes only a 9 per cent return on assets. Its rate-of-return hurdle for new investment is 1½ times the long-term rate of interest in the country concerned. This works out at about 9 per cent in Switzerland, and 13 per cent in Britain.

Many British companies, by contrast with German and French rivals, are getting out of low-growth businesses faster than they are investing in new high-growth prospects. Somehow, such companies think that low growth prospects will not be reflected in the sale price. That is only true if the deal enhances monopoly or risk, or if the other company's managers are better.

"Shareholder value" demands high returns and low risk. No wonder that cash is just building up, waiting to be used to take over other companies, to attract predators or to catch the cash-seeking eyes of institutional investors. Britain's more powerful but less flamboyant version of Mr Kerkorian. Even companies that build a cash cushion for lean times, such as Chrysler and Britain's GEC, become takeover candidates in the fat years.

This thinking relies on a magnificent illusion: that average financial returns can be much higher than, and divorced from, the growth of the economy. In 1980s America, financial engineering fed this illusion. Returns on shares could be improved by substituting loans for equity. As recessions remind the thoughtless, however, gearing has the opposite effect in thin years.

In Britain, this investment illusion reflects the excessive power of big institutional fund managers over the companies they invest in. It mirrors the illusion of the 1970s, when trade unions ruled the roost, that wages could keep growing faster than productivity and output. In individual cases, overweening power can suspend reality, for a while. Demands for cash from utilities, for instance, boosted returns until regulators noticed. Over time, reality will out, across the stock market and across the economy.

Glaxo Wellcome applies its minds to a challenge

Sarah Bagnall sees the world's biggest drugs firm putting 1,000 scientists to work at a £700m brainstorming base

In 1988, Sir Richard Sykes, deputy chairman and chief executive of Glaxo, was seen careering round a 100-acre wasteland on a mechanical digger.

Eight years and £700 million later, the Stevenage site has been transformed into a state-of-the-art research centre, which will house 1,000 scientists intent upon discovering a new generation of drugs.

Tomorrow, the Queen is to open the Glaxo Wellcome Medicines Research Centre — the second-biggest construction project in Britain after the Channel Tunnel. Unlike the tunnel, it is opening on time and under budget.

The centre will form a central plank in the future of Glaxo, which last month completed a £9.4 billion takeover of its rival Wellcome to form the world's biggest drugs company.

Sir Richard says that Glaxo Wellcome, the name of the merged group, spends more money researching and developing medicines than any other company in the world. With a combined annual budget of £1.2 billion, Glaxo Wellcome is Britain's biggest R&D spender.

Britain is noted for producing fine scientific minds — which have developed more than a quarter of the world's top-selling drugs, including Zantac, Glaxo's ulcer treatment.

However, drugs companies are under severe pressures, which threaten to curtail R&D spending. The world over, governments, health insurers and patients are demanding greater value for money. The City thinks about £300 million will be cut from Glaxo Wellcome's R&D budget as the group strives to prosper in a rapidly changing environment.

Few new chemical entities successfully move from lab to market place and, as a result, it costs about £200 million to produce one new treatment.

Microbiology research at the new Glaxo Wellcome Medicines Research Centre

Moreover, the time available to recover costs through sales is declining. A company used to have exclusivity in a market for five to six years, but now it is only 18 to 24 months.

The new complex allows cost-cutting. It will replace many of the companies' existing sites. The overlap of the companies' product pipelines — in the anti-cancer, anti-infective and cardiovascular fields — also provide cost-cutting opportunities.

Glaxo aims to shed 10,000 jobs worldwide, and, although marketing is expected to be worst hit, R&D will suffer. The job cuts, 15 per cent of the enlarged group's 60,000 workforce, will be made over two years, reducing group costs by £500 million.

Of the 1,000 scientists who will eventually work at the site, about a third are still to arrive. However, where the axe will fall among the scientists is yet to be decided. The process is under way with groups of scientists evaluating and prioritising their own and other scientists' projects.

Last week, contractors were still on site, planting the last of the 28,000 trees and 150,000 shrubs, digging in cables, and rolling out turf. The site's string of flat-faced buildings are surrounded by acres of landscaped gardens, with an artificial lake. The complex has a clinic and dental surgery, a library, restaurants, a gym, lecture theatres and a video conference centre. There is even a glistening red fire engine, with three firemen.

Sir Richard says: "It is not too fanciful to compare the site to a small, well-endowed community." Allan Baxter, research director, goes further, saying: "It is like a village. It is somewhere, we hope, that scientists will want to come and spend 24 hours of the day."

The centre was designed with one purpose — to create the best possible working environment for scientists. This, Sir Richard believes, means making it easy and appealing for them to meet and exchange ideas on any compound, product or disease, and so raise the chances of discovering a new drug. To this end, the centre is dotted with strategically placed "nodes", areas where scientists can confer over coffee.

As Glaxo sees it, the overriding priority in today's harsh environment for drug companies is to increase research productivity dramatically.

Dr Jim Niedel, director of research and development at Glaxo, says that it is no longer enough for a company to produce one molecule a year. "You now have to produce three or four molecules a year," he says. Glaxo's management believes that this aim will be more attainable with the new centre — nicknamed The House that Zantac Built, after the ulcer drug, or Sykes's Folly, after Sir Richard. The need is real. Glaxo is heavily dependent on Zantac, which accounts for up to 40 per cent of group sales.

The centre has 249 chemistry and biology laboratories. The chemistry labs are sandwiched between "clean" and "dirty" corridors, used to keep people and chemicals apart.

The laboratories contrast starkly with the outdated labs of Ware and Greenford, where Glaxo scientists operated before. One chemist says: "Each scientist has three metres of lab space — compared to about three-quarters of a metre we had at Ware."

Experiments are done in sealed fume cupboards, rather than on benches, and each lab has a self-contained write-up area. Notices about the toxicity and corrosiveness of chemicals employed are everywhere. Alarm buttons, eyewashes and emergency showers abound.

The centre, full of such state-of-the-art technologies as virtual reality, reflects the shift that has occurred in drug-discovering. It has moved from an empirical, to a clinical, approach. Now, scientists concentrate on causes of a disease, often involving genetics, and set about designing molecules to stop it. This shift has been caused by the biological revolution that has seen the rise of genetics, genomics and bioinformatics.

Today, there is no room for drugs that offer only a slight advantage over existing medicines, Sir Richard says. Glaxo Wellcome hopes that the centre will help to lift its research productivity and produce drugs that offer significant advances in medical treatment.

Glaxo Wellcome believes thare are tremendous opportunities to discover new and effective drugs. The challenge is to develop them.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Terms of business

AREN'T banks getting awfully matey these days? Kleinwort Benson's eager receptionists have clearly been on a customer care course. The bank's "clients" have now become "customers", and, whether clients like it or not, notices outside meeting rooms warn staff to be quiet — "customer meeting in progress". This sort of familiarity is slow to spread to the private banks, though even Coutts & Co, the Queen's banker, says its clients often prefer their Christian names to be used in face-to-face meetings. Some traditions live on, however, clients are greeted by staff in frock-coats and clerical staff address them as Sir, Madam or, if appropriate, Your Ladyship

Passing the plate

OVER the years, several City sons and daughters have been struck down by the devasting effects of Alzheimer's disease and multiple sclerosis. And, on their behalf, many charity tins have been rattled. But it is serious work shaking a tin for a charity concert next month in aid of the Alzheimer's Disease Society and the Surrey Action for Multiple Sclerosis if you just happen to have "hired a Cathedral". The cathedral in question is Guildford, which dauntingly seats 1,010, and so far it is "500 tickets down, and 510 tickets to go". On May 13, the Wimbledon Choral Society with the Dorian Orchestra of London is performing John Rutter's *Requiem*, Vivaldi's *Gloria*, and Fauré's *Cantique de Jean Racine*. Further details on 0181-543 0670.

Young at heart

LORD PALUMBO, Lord Gowrie and Sir Peter Parker, advisers to the London Capital Club, and each of a certain age, are bowing to youth. The club is offering a young executive membership package for men and women, but only if you are between 21 and 30 and stump up a joining fee of £625 and an annual subscription of £540. Ironically, two of the advisers have offspring who are already too old to qualify for the youth benefits. However, "Nick Leeson may apply to join the youth brigade, if he wishes," one old timer tells me.

Fame at last

OUR world trade correspondent, Colin Narbrough, received an unusual courtesy last week from Samsung, the South Korean industrial group whose corporate sign blazes at Piccadilly Circus. Choi Sun-Rai, president of Samsung Europe, sent our man a photograph of the journalist's name up in lights as a thank you for attending, along with several other media folk, a press conference on Samsung's European HQ coming to London.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Politics points to a rise in base rates

GILT-EDGED

It is far from clear what the outcome will be when Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George next meet to discuss interest rates, on May 5 and (probably) June 7. The short sterling future suggests a half-point increase in three-month rates by mid-June, but, since three-month rates are currently well below base rates, that does not necessarily imply any move in base rates.

When base rates were last raised, in early February, the crux of the Governor's case was that the economy was growing significantly above trend, in spite of some slowdown, and "he was not at all confident that it would slow sufficiently — or sufficiently soon — to prevent a further pick-up in underlying inflation". In short, a growth-and-inflation story.

Subsequent data have shown that the economy is indeed slowing. Taking the latest three months versus the previous three, industrial production and housing starts have fallen and retail sales have been flat. In the labour market, the pace of unemployment declines has fallen to 24,100 a month this year, from 29,400 a month last year, and vacancies have fallen for four consecutive months. The one area of undoubted strength is exports, with volumes up by 10.6 per cent last year.

Of course, we do not know whether the slowdown is "sufficient" for Mr George, but the evidence is accumulating. Bear in mind that the 1.5 per cent base rate increases between September and February have yet to make their full impact and that consumers face another £5 billion of tax rises this tax year.

However, inflation developments have been less welcome. Underlying producer output prices rose 5 per cent in the first quarter at an annual rate. Data suggest, however, that the pace of price rises is likely to decelerate. The pick-up in producer price inflation has been largely due to a 29 per cent rise in sterling commodity prices last year, but, so far this year, overall commodity prices have fallen 2.3 per cent and metals prices have fallen 7.3 per cent.

A further cause for concern is manufacturing earnings and unit labour costs growth. In the year to February, earnings grew by an underlying 5.25 per cent and unit labour costs by 2.5 per cent, versus 1994 averages of 4.7 per cent and -0.1 per cent. However, if Mr George insists in looking at the whole economy on growth, he should look at the whole economy for labour costs. Average earnings grew a more modest 3.5 per cent for the whole economy in the year to February and unit labour costs were flat in the year to the fourth quarter.

Even M0 money supply, a favourite Bank of England inflation guide, has behaved better. The 12-month rise leapt to 7 per cent in March, but, in three month on three month terms, growth slowed to an annualised 4.5 per cent.

It is by no means certain that inflation is set to run away.

Even the idea that sterling's fall justifies a base rate rise is shaky, since sterling has risen against the dollar, in which most commodities are priced. Sterling's fall against the mark and the yen should boost inflation only indirectly via export-sector capacity shortages.

Near-term risks look skewed towards less, rather than more, tightening. However, on a longer view, there may be an economic case for more tightening, if the economy picks up again.

There are two further policy/political reasons to expect substantial interest rate rises on a 12- to 18-month view.

The first is John Major's determination to run a full parliamentary term, one aim presumably being actual or promised tax cuts before polling day. If so, Mr George, rightly, will demand offsetting interest rate rises (0.5 per cent on for every 1p off the basic rate?). In fact, if Mr Clarke acquiesces too readily this summer to base rate hikes, the inference must be a generous November Budget.

The second is that, given a 1997 election, there will be political pressure to complete any monetary tightening by late 1996. Assuming a peak of 8 per cent to 10 per cent, this implies something like a 1 per cent to 3 per cent rate rise from, say, this summer to summer 1996.

Such base rate changes — not much now, quite a lot later — should support the gilt market in the near term, but it suggests a rocky road on a longer view.

DICK HOWARD
Julius Baer Investments

Memories of 1920s Paris

Marika: Invitation to the Dance. *Radio 3, 9.30pm.*

Nothing if not uninhibited. Marika Rivera recalls incidents from her long life every night on Radio 3 until Thursday. She is 74, but her *joie de vivre* belies it. She was a singer, dancer and painter. Now she is a story-teller, and a good one, too. Episode two finds her in 1920s Paris where Isadora Duncan puts on a record of the *Moonlight Sonata*, blindfolds her with a scarf, and shows her how to walk like a dancer and die like a swan. In the hotel that was home to her and her mother, little Marika befriends an elderly prostitute who dies when her feathered kimono catches fire, and she meets an unfortunate English teacher who, like her cat, breaks wind "like an elephant" through eating the tough skins of artichokes.

Harbour Lights. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

For a seasoned journalist, Derek Jameson asks some strange questions this morning. He has bought a house in Shoreham, on the Sussex coast, close to where animal rights protesters campaign against the export of livestock. "Do you think," he asks one protester, "that these calves and sheep know they are in a cargo of death?" And, surely, the last thing you would expect one inhabitant of Shoreham to ask another is: "What sort of place is it? Good?" Otherwise, Jameson nets some goodish responses. There is the local knight and protesters' look-out man whose cat wakes him up if he drops off when boats enter the harbour to pick up more meat on the hoof. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Kevin Greening **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, including at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, including at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Sound City '95 — Evening Session **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce, including at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hayes Over Britain **8.30** The Queen of Romance (4/6) (r) **9.00** Mrs Elrick's Wee Boy George **10.00** Coasting with Noakes (2/6) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **1.30** Pause for Thought **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, incl at **10.35** Euronews; **11.00** Dirty News **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck with Katie Derham **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, including at **3.15** Prime Minister's Question Time **4.30** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sport **7.35** The Tuesday Match: Marcus Buckland presents Premiership and Endsleigh League action **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Samantha Mesh, Sean Bolger **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Maurice Dee, Carol McGiffen **10.00** Caesar **1.00am** Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.00am** News **5.30** Europe (MW only: Off the Shelf **5.45** On Screen) **6.00** News **6.30** What's News? (MW only: Europe) **6.45** On the Move (MW only: Europe) **7.00** News **7.15** World Today **7.30** Beethoven **8.00** News **8.15** Health **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Emblems **9.00** News (MW only: News in German) **9.10** Faith (MW only: News in German) **9.15** Concert **10.00** News and Business **10.15** Game, Set and Match **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **Noon** News **12.30pm** Oliver Twist **1.00** News and Business (MW only: News in German) **1.15** Britain **1.30** UN **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Development (MW only: News in German) **4.45** Health (MW only: News in German) **5.00** News **5.15** Concert **6.00** Business **6.15** What's News? **6.30** World Today (MW only: News in German) **6.45** Sport (MW only: News in German) **7.00** News **7.30** Let's Do The Show Right Here **8.00** News **9.00** Europe **9.30** Outlook **9.55** Faith **10.00** Business **10.15** Britain **10.30** Meridian **11.00** News **11.30** World Today **11.45** Country **Midnight** News **12.15am** Music **12.15** Anything Goes **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **1.30** What's News? **1.45** Britain **2.00** Press **2.15** On Screen **2.30** Music **3.00** News **3.30** Andy Kershaw **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Discovery

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Angela Rippon **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Reports **7.00** Opera **8.00** Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nick Abbot **7.30** Paul Coyle **10.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather **7.00 On Air**, with Andrew McGregor. Glinka (Overture, Ruslan and Ludmilla); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 2 in F); Schnittke (Suite in the Old Style); **8.55** [illegible] (Deus in auditorium; Domine ad adiuvandum; Dixit Dominus, Vespers 1610); Humperdinck (Overture, Hänsel under Gretel); Copland (Suite, Appalachian Spring)

9.00 Composer of the Week: The Private World of Bach

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Piers Burton-Page. Henri Tomasi (Trumpet Concerto); Purcell (Birthday Ode: Welcome, welcome, glorious morn, Z338); **10.45** *Artist of the Week*: Nobuko Imai, viola, *performs Hindemith (Viola Sonata, Op 11 No 4)*; **11.30** Maxwell Davies (Double Bass Concerto, Strathclyde Concerto No 7)

12.00 Ensemble: Penny Gore presents a recital by the Brindisi Quartet. Beethoven (String Quartet in E flat, Op 74, Harp); Bartók (String Quartet No 2) (r)

12.55-5.00pm The Afternoon on Three, presented by Susan Sharpe

1.00 Philadelphia Orchestra under Wolfgang Sawallisch performs Walter Piston (Symphony No 4); Strauss (Oboe Concerto: Richard Woodham); Haydn (*Symphony No 102 in B flat*)

2.20 Corelli's English Imitators: London Baroque performs a selection of Trio Sonatas by Robert Valentine, which are set in the context of music by Corelli himself (r)

3.00 Advance Guard: The second of six programmes on the early festivals of the International Society for Contemporary Music. Mark [illegible] looks at British works performed at the 1924 chamber music festival in Salzburg and the Prague orchestral festival

5.00 The Music Machine: Ken Hyder accompanies the shamans of Mongolia in the ancient ritual of communicating with the spirit world through drumming

5.15 In Tune, with Lynne Walker. Berlioz (Overture, Le carnaval romain); Berio (Folk Songs — excerpts); **6.03** Puccini (Capriccio sinfonico); Respighi (Pines of Rome)

7.30 Pebble Mill: *Live from Studio* One, Birmingham. Steven Isserlis, cello, Pascal Devoyon, piano, perform Debussy (Sonata); Saint-Saëns (Sonata in F, Op 123); **8.15** During the interval, Chris de Souza talks to the cellist Steven Isserlis; **8.35** Fauré (Sonata No 1 in D minor, Op 109); Poulenc (Sonata)

9.30 Marika: Invitation to the Dance. See Choice

9.40 Ulster Orchestra *under* Nicholas Braithwaite performs Frank Bridge (Suite for string orchestra; There is a willow grows aslant a brook); William Wordsworth (Symphony No 3)

10.45 Night Waves: The complex relationship between the brain, emotions and reason

11.30-12.30am Music Restored: Utrecht '94. Le Concert Spirituel under Hervé Nicquet performs motets by Marc-Antoine Charpentier

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** *Prayer for the Day* **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Swirsky's Easter: The novelist Christopher Hope recalls his childhood in South Africa **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 0171-580 4444

10.00-10.30 News; Harbour Lights (FM only): See Choice

10.00 Daily Service (*LW only*)

10.15 Children's BBC Radio 4: When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit (LW only) (7/10)

10.30 Women's Hour, introduced by Wendy Austin. Story: *Morepork*, by Ngaio Marsh. *The first instalment of a two-*part reading, beginning a collection of short stories by the New Zealand crime writer. Read by Nicoletta McKenzie

11.30 States of Mind: All in the Mind. Professor Anthony *Clare takes a critical look at* how the media handles mental illness

12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pm Quote . . . Unquote, with Nigel Rees **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Now You See Me, by Rod Dungate. Magician Arnie has learnt how to make himself disappear into thin *air*

2.30 Richard Baker Compares Notes with composers Richard Rodney Bennett and Geoffrey Burgon on music for film and television

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Paul Vaughan explores the political life of Tom Paine; and reviews Roman Polanski's film version of Ariel Dorfman's play *Death and the Maiden*

4.45 Short Story: Racing, by Leo Cullen. Read by Pauline McLynn

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 The House: Christopher Lee's political drama series (1/6) (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 States of Mind: Don't Fence Me In: Michael Palin talks to people who have undergone psychiatric care

8.00 Science Now: Peter Evans reports on a robotic gymnast at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (r)

8.30 The Network: Alan Lewis examines the hidden cost of the Internet

9.00 In Touch: For people with a visual handicap

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight

10.45 Book at Bedtime: A Child Possessed, by R.C. Hutchinson. Abridged and read by Geoffrey Beevers

11.00-12.00 States of Mind: What is Madness? (FM only) Professor Anthony Clare chairs a discussion on the causes, treatment and meaning of madness

11.00-11.30 [illegible]

11.30-12.00 Today in Parliament (LW only)

12.00-12.43 News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.45** As World Service (LW only)

RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM-88-90.2. RADIO 3: FM-90.2-92.4. RADIO 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6; LW 198. RADIO 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LONDON RADIO: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. CAPITAL: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: FM 94.9. WORLD SERVICE: MW 648kHz/463m; LW 198Khz (12.45am-5.55am). CLASSIC FM: FM-100-102. VIRGIN: MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. TALK RADIO: MW 1089, 1053kHz. Listings compiled by Peter Dear, Gillian Maxey

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Dramas, crises and little local difficulties

REVIEW

Joe Joseph

We move in small worlds, blinkered by parochial passions: we can grow fraught over hiccups that would seem trivial to people living by different yardsticks.

OK, so your dry cleaner ruined your favourite Issey Miyake frock by not realising, when he put it *under the steam press, that it was supposed* to look as creased as an accordion. That's certainly pretty distressing if you've nothing else to wear, and you're invited for drinks at seven. But peek at life in the new South Africa through the prism of Channel 4's documentary, *In A Time of Hope* and ask: is it as distressing as side-stepping muggers' bullets in Soweto?

That's not a question that nags at Alice and Martin Jordan, whose world is smaller than most. They are the family around whom Joanna Trollope's **A Village Affair** (ITV) spins. Last night, when they arrived in the hamlet of Pitcombe, Alice (Sophie Ward), Martin (Nathaniel Parker), and their children had little more to worry about than which colour curtains to hang in the drawing room. But we knew *something* was amiss, because every now and then Alice winced and smiled simultaneously in that facial shorthand for "I may look as sleek as a swan on the surface, but underneath *my feet are paddling* like billyo to stay afloat".

Trouble came in the shape of Clodagh (Kerry Fox), the too-plucky-for-village-life daughter of local toffs Sir Ralph and Lady Unwin. She's recently back from New York, recovering from a bruising affair. She befriends the Jordans. *Martin misreads Clodagh's chum*miness and makes an unwanted pass. Alice misreads Clodagh's chumminess and is jolted when *Clodagh* confesses that the New York lover was a woman and that, actually, Clodagh fancies Alice.

And the once reserved Alice embraces lesbianism as matter-of-factly *as a diner who has tired of* reading the menu and opts suddenly for the chef's special. Surprise: Martin is not pleased. The *locals*, who thought a *dyke* was *something* that holds back water, are scandalised at this sexual depravity now gushing through the village — which is pretty rich *considering all those curious court* cases you read about in rural newspapers.

That's village affairs for you. Is this drama? Is it even crisis? *Maybe, if you measure out your* life in Georgian silver coffee spoons. In Soweto, where they measure out their lives in police *statistics*, it might seem something of an idyll.

In *Night Shift*, last night's first half of **In A Time Of Hope** (Channel 4), we *spent* 12 *bleak* hours between Friday night and Saturday morning in Soweto — *South Africa's crime capital* — trailing the Flying Squad, an ambulance driver, and a gangster-turned-nightclub owner: 200 people die violently here every month, police included.

"It's out of control," sighed the pot-bellied former gangster, missing the days when organised crime *was organised by chaps like him*. "If you want to stop the river, you must go to the fountain, right to the top and close it up and then you'll *dry the river*." *Soweto* clearly needs a dyke more badly than Pitcombe.

You can decipher the Flying Squad's priorities when you see *how they deal with a drunk at the* wheel: "You seem to be under the influence of liquor," said the copper. "You must drive very carefully *home*. Very, very carefully." *When you are dashing from* murder to rape scene, who has time for breathalysers?

"I heard my mother crying out *in the night,*" *a glazed man told the* police later on, "she's saying that she's been raped by three men. I go outside and they're gone." The mother is in her sixties. The *culprits, guessed the ambulance* man, shaken but not shocked, are likely to be in their twenties.

The police keep moving: "You *can't* beat *such* a good young daughter," the captain told a child-beating father while his children and wailing wife looked on. "What *did he want to do?*" *the captain* asked Pinkie, the daughter. "Burn me," Pinkie replied. No sooner had the incredulous captain crumpled *back into the seat of his patrol car than* the intercom crackled alive again: "Tango Papa, nice one. There's a dead guy here. Looks like a 9mm."

The ambulance *was already* at *the scene*: "What makes crime escalate is unemployment," said the paramedic, offering a destination but no route map.

The second documentary in the programme, *Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday*, tracked the men and women who creep from Mozambique into South Africa to find work, many to find a life. Every week 300 get deported home, only to creep back again, yo-yoing between *border* and illegal, backroom jobs until they are flushed out once more.

Some get shot vaulting the *border, but they reckon that living* as a pauper in Mozambique is a fate worse than death. "You psyche yourself," one man said, "that *should death come, that is fine*. All this is due to wanting work."

But distress, like a Dulux chart, comes in many colours, not just Pitcombe Purple and Soweto Sepia. In **Film 95 Special** (BBC 1), the wildly talented Woody Allen, was wincing about his art: "I have had some definite critical failures," he told Barry Norman. "And I've had, *you know, some personal failures* where the film *may make money* or do well with the critics and may be fun, but what I set out to do originally I didn't accomplish."

We feel for *Woody, but after* Soweto, we don't have tears left to weep for him. As Tom Stoppard noted: "For every thousand people, *there's 900 doing the work*, 90 doing well, nine doing good, and one lucky bastard who's the artist."

BBC1

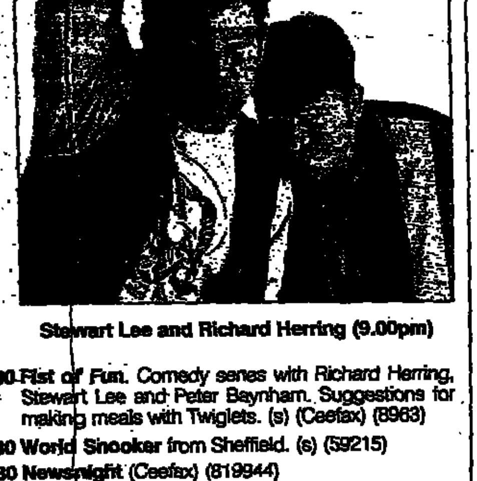
6.00am Business Breakfast (85296)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (31316505)
9.05 Swat Kats. Animated adventures (7823988)
9.25 Why Don't You...? (s) (2384470)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1464708)
10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days. Michelle gives Lofty a new look (r). (Ceefax) (2639483)
10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (8724050)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6808673) **12.05pm Pebble Mill** (s) (2738302)
12.55 Regional News and weather (69934876)
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (Ceefax) (73302)
1.30 Neighbours (s) (Ceefax) (86663234)
1.50 Going for Gold with Henry Kelly (s) (86667050)
2.15 FILM: Perry Mason — The Case of the Desperate Deception (1990). Perry sifts through five decades of international intrigue to prove the innocence of a US Marine. Starring Raymond Burr, with Barbara Hale, William R. Moses, Ian McShane and Yvette Mimieux. (Ceefax) (764234)
3.50 Monty (1200418). **3.55 Fievel's American Tails** (6891760) **4.20 Watt on Earth** (6777321) ***4.35 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men*** (3977789)
5.00 Newsround (1707692) **5.05 The Lowdown** (4798963)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (s) (Ceefax) (740760)
6.00 News and Weather (Ceefax) (741)
6.30 Regional news magazines (321)
7.00 Do the Right Thing. On the panel are Tony Hawks, Eve Pollard and Garry Bushell. (8128)
7.30 EastEnders. The Aitkins are shell-shocked by the night's revelations (s) (Ceefax) (505)
8.00 A Question of Sport. Ian Botham is joined by Kyran Bracken and Mark Foster, while Bill Beaumont lines up with Niall Quinn and Steve Smith. (s) (Ceefax) (7876)
8.30 It Ain't Half Hot, Mum: The Road to Bannu. The Concert Party becomes stranded in a remote part of the North West Frontier (r). (Ceefax) (6383)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News and Weather (Ceefax) (8091)

Michael Caines cooks with bionics (9.30pm)

9.30 **QED: Chef.** (Ceefax) (s) (14012)
10.00 Blackadder the Third: Amy and Amiability. The Prince Regent is low on cash and so Edmund sets out to find a suitable bride with a dowry so that he can marry. With Rowan Atkinson, Tony Robinson, Miranda Richardson and Warren Clarke. (r) (Ceefax) (86741)
10.30 **Omnibus: Perry and Croft — the Sitcoms.** (Ceefax) (s) (825470)
11.20 FILM: Distant Thunder (1988). Vietnam veteran Mark Lambert abandons his family and heads off into the mountains. His teenage son sets out to find him, with violent consequences. Starring John Lithgow, Ralph Macchio, Kerrie Keane and Reb Brown. Directed by Rick Rosenthal (902499)
1.05am Weather (8980890)

BBC2

8.00am Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signed) (7632302) **8.15 Westminster On-Line with Sir Bernard Ingham** (s) (7192673)
9.00 **The Power Game.** A four-part documentary on what goes on behind the scenes as Washington DC powerbrokers engage in political warfare (28499)
10.00 Playdays (r) (s) (4343169)
10.25 World Snooker. The fifth day of the World Championship at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield (s) (37781789)
12.00 See Hear! Father Peter McDonough reports from Jerusalem on the Easter story (r) (s) (signed and subtitled) (83654)
12.30pm Working Lunch. Business, consumer and workplace news (32418) **1.00 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams** (r) (s) (73301895)
1.15 World Snooker from Sheffield (s) (72045470)
3.00 News and weather followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross** (s) (Ceefax) (1212418) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2693857)
4.00 World Snooker. The climax of the match between Steve Davis and Andy Hicks. (s) (8505)
6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air. American teen comedy (s) (Ceefax) (848944)
6.25 Heartbreak High. Rivers tries to antagonise the new teacher. (s) (Ceefax) (633963)
7.10 The Tick. Animation (213654)
7.30 East: Blasphemy. Pakistan's blasphemy laws are being used by some Muslim fundamentalists to settle old scores, hindering Pakistan's bid to be viewed as a liberal Islamic state. (s) (Ceefax) (147)
8.00 Fowl Play. An award-winning investigation by journalist Jeremy Adams uses secret cameras to record the illegal bloodsport of cockfighting in Northern Ireland. (5418)
8.30 The Oh So Beautiful Bugatti. A celebration of the artist Ettore Bugatti as engineer. An individualist, his creativity was reflected in almost every nut and bolt of his creations. Chris Goffey reports from Venice. (Ceefax) (4925)



Stewart Lee and Richard Herring (9.00pm)

9.00 Fist of Fun. Comedy series with Richard Herring, Stewart Lee and Peter Baynham. Suggestions for making meals with Twiglets. (s) (Ceefax) (8963)
9.30 World Snooker from Sheffield. (s) (59215)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (819944)
11.15 World Snooker. Highlights from the fifth day of the World Championship in Sheffield (s) (704708)
11.55 Weatherview (137302)
12.00 The Record. Today in Parliament (s) (30616)

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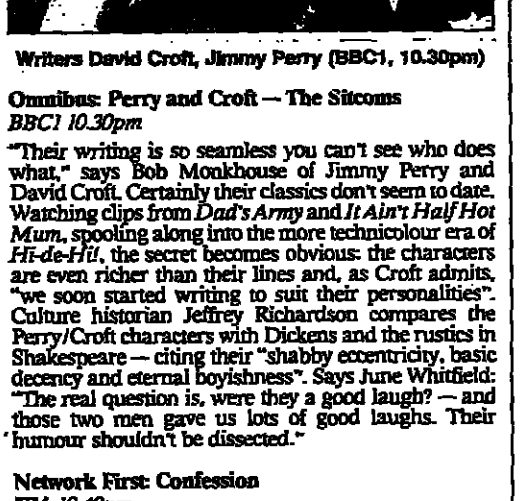
CHOICE

The Holylands: A Troubled Peace
Channel 4, 9.00pm

An impressive start to a three-night series, this documentary records life in the Gaza Strip before and after the peace accord between Israel and the Palestinians which removed *Israeli soldiers* from the Occupied Territories. The first half sticks with the two sides in Jebalya — a notoriously violent refugee camp. The patrolling Israelis are wary, homesick and fed up. "We didn't come here to catch kids but to protect our homeland." Their enemies, it seems, are mainly the "stone children" of intifada. Will the peace be everything both sides have longed for? Alas, an electric fence is erected along the border and riots erupt. But at least champion stone thrower Mohammed, aged 13, gets to meet his hero Yassir Arafat.

QED: Chef
BBC1, 9.30pm

This is one of those awesome stories of personal courage which somehow makes the viewer feel inadequate. Michael Caines, at 25, landed the job as head chef at a prestigious hotel in Devon. (He had already been tipped for stardom by French superchef Raymond Blanc.) Then, tragedy: Michael's car collided with a barrier and his right arm was totally severed. Two weeks later he was back in the kitchens of *Gidleigh Park Hotel* and has even been awarded a Michelin star. Dissatisfied with the cable-and-straps arm he had been given, Caines went to America to find *an arm that was more to his liking, more "state of the art"*. John Groom's film crew went with him.



Writers David Croft, Jimmy Perry (BBC1, 10.30pm)

Omnibus: Perry and Croft — The Sitcoms
BBC1 10.30pm

"Their writing is so seamless you can't see who does what," says Bob Monkhouse of Jimmy Perry and David Croft. Certainly their classics don't seem to date. Watching clips from *Dad's Army* and *It Ain't Half Hot Mum*, spooling along into the more technicolour era of *Hi-de-Hi!*, the secret becomes obvious: the characters are even richer than their lines and, as Croft admits, "we soon started writing to suit their personalities". Culture historian Jeffrey Richardson compares the Perry/Croft characters with Dickens and the rustics in Shakespeare — citing their "shabby eccentricity, basic decency and eternal boyishness". Says June Whitfield: "The real question is, were they a good laugh? — and those two men gave us lots of good laughs. Their humour shouldn't be dissected."

Network First: Confession
ITV, 10.40pm

Confession offers the first-hand account of a volunteer activist who spent eight years in the IRA and who was at one point under sentence of death from the movement's hierarchy. His admission that there came a point when he could no longer justify the struggle, politically or morally, is reminiscent of the recent BBC2 drama *Life after Life*. "X" is now "totally opposed" to political violence and says he wholly supports the peace process — which comes as a relief when we have heard his litany of *details* on how he went about his murderous business — how he selected and stalked potential victims and how one particular mission went *disastrously* wrong and led to the killing of an 11-year-old schoolboy. **Elizabeth Cowley**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (2129614)
9.25 Chain Letters (2120760) **9.55 London Today** (7689988)
10.00 James Bond Junior (47499)
10.30 FILM: Mysterious Island (1961). Fantasy-adventure based on Jules Verne's sequel to *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*. Directed by Cy Enfield (12296012) **12.20pm London Today** (6804857)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (9791302)
12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9709321) **1.25 Emmerdale** (r). (Teletext) (73260031) **1.55 A Country Practice** (s) (86668789) **2.20 Vanessa** (Teletext) (s) (58967128)
2.50 NEW **Dogs with Dunbar** Dr Ian Dunbar *reveals some fascinating insights* into our relationship with canines (1980876)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (4053079) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4045050)
3.30 Allsorts (r) (s) (8261147) ***3.40 Tots TV*** (r) (s) (2691499) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (r) (s) (2680383) **4.00 Budgie the Little Helicopter** (r) (s) (6759925) ***4.15 The Legends of Treasure Island*** (Teletext) (s) (7195215) **4.40 Johnny and the Dead** (Teletext) (s) (7181079)
5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating (Teletext) (4782302)
5.40 News *(Teletext) and weather* (384334)
5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (568296)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (437)
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (789)
7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (3296)
7.30 Everyday Lives: Step by Step. *The stories of* Sophie who is determined to become a ski instructor, despite the loss of both her legs below *the knee; and Ray, who has lost his hands and feet,* but runs his own business (673)
8.00 The Bill: Your Witness. Deakin puts pressure on a witness to give evidence. (Teletext) (s) (2944)
8.30 My Good Friend. *Comedy series starring* George Cole. (Teletext) (s) (1079)

Kevin Whately and Gary Mavers (9.00pm)

9.00 Peak Practice: Bedside Manners. The new trainee makes a controversial decision. Starring Kevin Whately, Amanda Burton, Sam Shepherd and Gary Mavers. (Teletext) (s) (4895)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (11437)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (574499)
10.40 CHOICE **Network First: Confession** (Teletext) (552012)
11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (876499)
12.40am Endsleigh League Extra (7125180)
1.25 FILM: The Stone Killer (1973) starring Charles Bronson. A former New York policeman *is out to foil* a Mafia plot to wipe out an entire non-Sicilian faction of the mob. Directed by Michael Winner (793884)
3.10 The Little Picture Show (9954242)
4.05 America's Top Ten (s) (85323155)
4.35 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema *(r)* (37475616)
5.00 Vanessa (r). (Teletext) (s) (50635)
5.30 ITN Morning News (55971). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Spiff and Hercules (7492499)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (63925)
9.00 Little Wizards (r) (98586)
9.30 California Dreams (6823673)
9.55 Gamesmaster *(r) (s) (6831692)*
10.25 Batman: King Tut's Coup. Batman is boggled by camouflage (3357895)
10.50 The Adventures of Tintin (r). (1162296)
11.20 Pugwall's Summer (r) (5722418)
11.50 The Legend of White Fang *(r) (9816050)*
12.15pm Terrytoons (9181925)
12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is Michael Chang (r). (92789) **1.30 Dr Snuggles** (r) (26857)
2.00 Food File (r) (s) (Teletext) (3050)
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. *Brough* Scott introduces live coverage of the **2.35, 3.05, 3.40** and **4.15** races (s) (95505)
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Elimination quiz game with William G Stewart. (s) (Teletext) (586)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Spying on Your Kids. Parents who belong to an organisation which aims *to get out-of-control kids back on track — and that* can mean employing private investigators. (s) (Teletext) (4074429)
5.50 Terrytoons (581147)
6.00 Babylon 5: All Alone in the Night. Sheridan is captured by aliens and experimented on before Ivanova comes to the rescue. (s) (Teletext) (383321)
6.55 Terrytoons (787654)
7.00 Channel 4 News and Weather (Teletext) (853050)
7.50 The Slot. Viewer's soapbox (662166)
8.00 Africa Express. Diamonds from Guinea, the *Mombasa ferry disaster and township tourism in* South Africa. (s) (Teletext) (3906)
8.30 Brookside. Carl tries to do the right thing, and Ron indulges in corporate espionage (s) (Teletext) (2321)

Mohammed meets Yassir Arafat (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **The Holylands** (s) (Teletext) (2437)
10.00 FILM: Paper Mask (1991). Paul McGann as a restless London hospital porter who is looking for a change of direction. When one of the hospital's promising young doctors is killed in a car crash, he assumes his identity. With Amanda Donohoe, Frederick Treves and Tom Wilkinson. Directed by Christopher Morahan. (s) (Teletext) (4383)
12.00 The Kids in the Hall. Canadian comedy capers *with* Dave Foley, *Bruce McCulloch,* Kevin McDonald, Mark McKinney and Scott Thompson (r). (s) (52844)
12.30am Italian Football — Mezzanote. *Inter v Milan* (84155)
1.30 FILM: The Great Sinner (1949). Drama starring Gregory Peck as a 19th-century writer who falls for Ava Gardner and turns to gambling to win her back from casino owner Melvyn Douglas, to whom her father, Walter Huston, has promised her in marriage. Directed by Robert Siodmak. Ends at **3.25** (252567)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (7689988) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (6804857) **12.55** Emmerdale (9709321) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (73260031) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (1980876) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (4045050) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (4782302) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (909418) **7.30-8.00** Food Guide (673) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (574499) **1.25am** The Wind of Change (9211635) **2.30** The Little Picture Show (45613) **3.30** The Beat (11548) **4.30** The Entertainers (72345)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (7689988) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (6804857) **2.50-3.20** *Blockbusters* (1980876) **3.25-3.30** Central News (4045050) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (4782302) **6.25-7.00** *Central News and* Weather (909418) **7.30-8.00** The Tuesday Special (673) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (574499) **11.40** Blue Heelers (876499) **5.00am** Jobfinder (5572616) **5.20** Asian Eye (7956884)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9709321) **1.25** Home and Away (49741586) **1.50** Vanessa (65370673) **2.20** Gardeners' Diary (58967128) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (1980876) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (4782302) **6.25** Granada Tonight (909418) **7.00** Emmerdale (3296) **7.30-8.00** Make 'em Laugh (673) **11.40** Crime Story (876499) **1.25am** The Stone Killer (793884) **3.10** The Little Picture Show (9954242) **4.05** America's Top Ten (85323155) **4.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (37475616) **5.00** Vanessa (50635)

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (9709321) *1.25* Home and Away (73260031) 1.55 Vanessa (65379944) **2.25** Wish You Were Here...? (58966499) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7143079) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (4782302) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (789) **7.30-8.00** West Eye View (673)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (789) **7.30-8.00** *The Really Helpful* Programme (673)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (7689988) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (6804857) **12.55** Emmerdale (9709321) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (73260031) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (1980876) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (4045050) **5.10** Home and Away (4782302) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Making it Happen (571760) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (437) **6.30-7.00** Doing It Up (789) **7.30-8.00** *A Tale of* Four Sea Ports (673) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (574499) **1.25am** The Wind of Change (9211635) **2.30** The Little Picture Show (45613) **3.30** The Beat (11548) **4.30** The Entertainers (72345) **5.00** Freescreen (50635)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (7689988) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (6813505) **12.25-12.30** My Story (6812876) **12.55** Emmerdale (9709321) *1.25 Home and Away* (73260031) **1.55** Vanessa (65379944) **2.25** The Young Doctors (58966499) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (4045050) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4782302) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (37963) **7.30-8.00** On the Road to the Islands (673) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News; Weather (574499) **11.40** The Westcountry Match (876499)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (9709321) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (73260031) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (1980876) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4782302) **5.55** Calendar (296321) **6.30-7.00** *Crosswits* (789) **7.30-8.00** Animal Country (673) **11.40** Dream Breakers (887876) **1.20am** *The Little Picture Show* (8823557) **2.20** Sport AM (6517971) **3.20** The Beat (9041722) **4.15** Jobfinder (1465346)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (63925) **9.00** Little Wizards (98586) **9.30** California Dreams (6823673) **9.55** Gamesmaster (6831692) **10.25** *Batman* (3357895) **10.50** The Adventures Of Tin Tin (1162296) **11.20** Pugwall's Summer (5722418) **11.50** The *Legend Of White Fang* (9816050) **12.15pm** Terrytoons (9181925) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (27598) **1.00** Hangin' With Mr Cooper (66012) **1.30** Ultimate Frisbee (93418) **2.30** Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket (95505) **4.30** Saved By The Bell - The New Class (586) **5.00** 5 Pump (4302) **5.30** Fifteen To One (166) **6.00** Newyddion (228166) **6.15** Heno (639147) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (4166) **7.30** Sioloiau (215) *8.00 Dawe Draw Ymhell, I Wlad. Oedd Well?* 88 (3905) **8.30** Newyddion (2321) **9.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet (2437) **10.00** Brookside (19079) **10.30** Snwcer: Pencampwriaeth Y Byd 1995 (95499) **11.00** The Best Of The Tube (5876) **11.30** A - Z Of Wagner (54437) **12.30am** *Naked News: Anchors* (84155)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (13741) **8.00** The Mighty Morphin (28741) **8.30** Blockbusters (27012) **9.00** Oprah (75321) **10.00** Concentration (98147) **10.30** Card Sharks (47876) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (15302) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (38128) **12.30pm** Anything But Love (78234) **1.00** St Elsewhere (73789) *2.00 Matlock (99876) 3.00 Oprah (9212418)* **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (4196499) **4.30** The *Mighty Morphin* Power Rangers *(9514)* **5.00** Deep Space Nine (3215) **6.00** Murphy Brown (8499) **6.30** Family Ties (2079) **7.00** Rescue (4944) **7.30** M*A*S*H (1963) **8.00** The X-Files (96654) **9.00** Models Inc (16418) **10.00** Deep Space Nine (19505) **11.00** David Letterman (285924) **11.50** The Untouchables (685234) **12.45am** Chances (4589180) **1.30** The New WKRP (94088) **2.00-6.00** Hitmix (2449884)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (5750321) **9.30** Fashion TV (25944) **10.30** ABC Nightline (45418) **11.00** News and Business (13944) **1.30pm** CBS News (75147) **2.30** Parliament Live (48789) **4.00** News and Business (61470) **5.00** Live at Five (1857) **6.30** Talkback (3921) **7.30** *O.J.* Simpson (2884499) **12.30pm** CBS News (15093) **1.30** Talkback (69451) **2.30** Parliament Replay (82722) **4.30** CBS News (98635) **5.30-6.00** ABC News

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (2847876) **10.00 California Man** (1992) (42170499) **11.35 Hello, Dolly!** (1969) (94313673) **2.00pm To My** *Daughter* (1991) (94447) **4.00 Won Ton Ton, the Dog Who Saved Hollywood** (1976) (6147) ***6.00 California Man*** *(1992)*: As 10am (62470) **7.30 Close-Up: Sleepless in Seattle** (6031) **8.00 Bopha!** (1993): South African police officer Danny Glover clashes with his son (Maynard Eziashi) in this *apartheid drama about a township uprising*. With Alfre Woodard (25166) **10.00 Hard to Kill** (1990) (651166) *11.40 Scarface (1983)* (58455470) **2.30am Eleven Days, Eleven Nights Part 2** (1988) (4646635) **3.55-5.25 Mystery Date** (1991) (38584161)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

2.00pm Showcase (99789) **4.00 In Name Only** (1939) (7079) **6.00 The Best of Benny Hill** (1974) (79925) ***8.00 Star Wars*** *(1977)* (74470) **10.00 Christine** (1983) (303960) **11.50-2.00am Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice** (1969) (38801470)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Colt .45 (1950) (5881470) **7.15 Turned Out Nice Again** (1941) (9763925) **8.40 Treasure Island: Cartoon** (7973302) **9.30 White Fang** (1993) (5670302) **10.25 Jesse James** (1939) (36235321) **12.15pm Dance, Girl, Dance** (1940) (340418) **2.00 The Big Street** (1942) (94429) **4.00 Treasure Island:** As 8.40am (96166) **6.00 White Fang** (1993): As 9.30am (6925) **8.00 Year of the Comet** (1992) (11963) **8.00 Accidental Hero** (1992) (23708) **10.00 Consenting Adults** (1992) (859708) **11.40 Body Language** (1992) (486296) **1.15am Steel Justice** (1992) (489345) **2.45 Cruising** (1980) (375567) ***4.25-6.00 Year of the Comet*** (1992): As 8pm (379600)

● **For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (5281654) **7.15** WWF Mania (870963) **8.15** Soccer News (8278316) **8.30** Speed and Beauty (69673) **9.00** Snowboarding (50925) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (18437) **10.00** Ford Scorpio Golf USA (98673) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (70789) **12.30pm** Monday Night Football (80383) **2.30** High Five (3586) **3.00** NBA Action (5079) **3.30** Stunt Team (8031) **4.00** American Sports (14586) **5.00** WWF Superstars (8031) ***6.00 Soccer News*** (582147) **6.15** Fish Tales (550302) **6.30** Snowboarding (8895) **7.00** Boots 'n' All (58050) **8.00** Pole Position (32470) **9.00** The Footballers' Show (52234) **10.00** Soccer News (150505) **10.15** Tarzan Extra (578789) **11.15** One to One (627234) **11.45** Fish Tales (133037) **12.00** *Boots 'n' All* (30819) **1.00-2.00pm** Pole Position (40964)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Golf (59741) **9.30** Marathon (86760) ***11.00 Football*** *(36586)* **12.30pm** Football (48147) **2.00** Speedworld (46673) **4.00** Athletics (62334) **5.00** Football (63147) **6.30** News (3963) **7.00** Motors Magazine (76437) **9.00** Boxing (47302) **10.00** Football (29418) **12.00-12.30am** News (18074)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (7134302) **8.30** Peyton Place (7133673) **9.00** As the World Turns (4070234) ***10.00-12.00*** *Guiding Light* (4498497)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Globetrotter (7144789) **12.30pm** Zoo Life (4429789) **1.00** Trailside (3278963) **1.30** The Spice of Life (4411760) **2.00** Australian Panorama (4008789) **2.30** Ireland (9187550) ***3.00*** *American Vacation* (1913692) **4.00** Sky Travel Guide (5482942) **4.30** Zoo Life (9062906) ***5.00*** *Colorado River* (4082741) **5.30** The Spice *of* Life (1062166) **6.00** Travels in Europe (4232609) **6.30** Discover America (8824234) **7.30** Australian Panorama (8632465) **8.00** Around the World (4086925) **8.30** Sky Travel Guide (4090760) **9.00** Globetrotter (1998383) **9.30** Discover America (2845789) **10.30** Colorado River Adventures (7154166) **11.00** *Ireland* (1900128) **11.30-12.00** Cruising the Globe

Woodard, Glover and Eziashi star in *Bopha!* (Sky Movies, 8pm)

TLC

9.00am Martha Stewart Living (5153370) **9.30** Cooking with Kurma (2835789) **10.00** Secret Gardens (2432302) **10.30** Jimmy's (9753334) **11.00** Only Human (4395692) **12.00** Against All Odds (1753514) **12.30pm** House Style (2838505) **1.00** Cooking with *Kurma (4306708) 1.30 Martha Stewart Living* (2838876) **2.00** Hot House People (2433031) **3.00** Successful Home Video (3089505) **3.30-4.00** Two's Country (8474741)

UK GOLD

7.00am Give Us a Clue (4309895) **7.30** Neighbours (4388302) **8.00** Sons and Daughters *(2103055)* **8.30** EastEnders (3553596) **9.00** The Bill (9858088) **9.30** Sutherland's *Law* (6678741) **10.30** Angels (6486760) **11.30** Going for Gold (8917857) **12.00** Sons and *Daughters* (6953532) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2831963) **1.00** EastEnders (4308166) **1.30** *The Bill* (2830234) **2.00** After Henry (3079128) **2.30** Foreign Bodies (8471654) **3.00** Knots Landing (8911673) **4.00** Dallas (8930708) **5.00** Going for Gold (84321147) **5.25** XYZ (84300654) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (2133079) **6.30** EastEnders (8496963) **7.00** Keep It in the Family (3073944) **7.30** Bread (8492147) **8.00** After Henry (3082692) **8.30** The Lenny Henry Show (3078499) **9.00** The Sweeney (6931925) **10.00** The Bill (8503091) **10.30** *Top of the Pops* (9479081) **11.05** Rory Bremner (8831418) **11.45** Dr Who (7013079) **12.15am** FILM: *Tribute to a Bad Man* (1956) (4894426) **1.55** Candid Camera (48097364) *2.25 Shopping at Night*

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (27234) **7.00** Teddy Ruxpin (89586) **7.30** Garfield and Friends (91321) **8.00** Eek the Cat (31988) **8.30** Degrassi Junior High (81429) **9.00** Super *Mario Brothers* (29079) **9.30** Flash Gordon (47963) **10.00** Round the Twist (50586) **10.30** *Beakman's World* (18963) ***11.00*** Gravedale High (43012) **11.30** Gigantor (44741) **12.00** He-Man (81465) **12.30pm** The Bots Master (58079) **1.00** Toxic Crusaders (89857) **1.30** Charlie Brown and Snoopy Show (40050) **2.00** Pugwall's Summer (5942) **2.30** Swan's Crossing (7344) **3.00** *Casper and Friends* (4337383) **3.15** *Stunt Dawgs* (690128) **3.45** Sonic the Hedgehog (899499) **4.15** Bad Level 10! (6376876) **4.30-5.00** California Dreams (7706)

NICKELODEON

7.00am SuperTed (69147) **7.30** Easter Specials (48654) **8.00** Turtles *Gold* (68944) **8.30** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (67215) **9.00** Rugrats (81895) **9.30** Clarissa (16079) **10.00** Mighty Max (30147) **10.30** Where on Earth is Carmen San diego? (87079) **11.00** *Grammy (21876)* ***11.30*** *Denver the Last Dinosaur* (22505) **12.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (61031) **12.30pm** *Galaxy High School* (10895) **1.00** Smoggies (68418) **1.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (19166) **2.00** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (4586) **2.30** Pete and Pete (1128) **3.00** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (6321) ***3.30*** *Turtles Gold* (6873) **4.00** Mighty Max (5708) **4.30** Rugrats (4692) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (8166) **5.30** NickAlive! (5944) **6.00** Aaahh! Real Monsters (3857) **6.30-7.00** Secret of the Stones (6437)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Himalayas (8483876) **4.30** From Monkeys to Apes (8482760) **5.00** Wings of the Luftwaffe (3070857) **6.00** Invention (5891944) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (5969963) **7.30** Deadly Australians *(8490789)* ***8.00*** *Unwelcome Houseguests* (3080234) **8.30** Voyager (3069741) **9.00** *Man On the Rim* (6962895) **10.00** Endangered World — A Kenyan Trilogy (6933654) ***11.00-12.00*** *Out of the Past* (4353857)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Manuela (1957) (2449692) **2.00pm** thirtysomething (2437857) **3.00** Rat Patrol (3076031) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (8401895) **4.00** FILM: Sea Devils (1953). *Smuggler Rock Hudson rescues spy Yvonne* DeCarlo during the Napoleonic Wars *(3087147)* ***6.00*** *Get Smart (8407079)* **6.30** Police Woman (9316499) **7.30** Honey West *(8487215)* ***8.00*** *thirtysomething* (6946857) **9.00** Twin Peaks (6959321) **10.00-12.00** *FILM: Keep It Up Downstairs (1976)* (8905012)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (5500437) **7.00** Makeover (2117499) **9.00** *Mr Smith's Indoor* Garden (6755418) **9.30** Kate and Allie (1037470) ***10.05*** *Health UK* (1502760) **10.35** The Susan Powter Show (18790079) **11.00** The Young and the *Restless* (7357128) **11.55** The Simple Programme **12.00** Kilroy (9217234) **12.55pm** Mediterranean Cookery (6252128) **1.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (1750437) **2.00** Agony Hour (5513050) **3.00** Makeover (7997944) **4.00** Infatuation (8816128) **4.30** Crosswits (1292876) **5.05** The Joker's Wild *(11474857)* ***5.30*** *Italian* Cookery (1561586) **6.05** The Susan Powter Show (6932050) **6.30** Brookside (3314128) **7.05** Crosswits (6042627) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (2859128) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (2731741) **8.55** The Simple Programme **9.00** FILM: *Jealousy*. With Angie Dickinson (30007437) ***10.50*** *Gladrags* (5587234) **11.00** Brookside (7917708) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (5518505)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Dangermouse (1654) **5.30** Black *Beauty (1760)* ***6.00*** *My Two Dads* (8673) **6.30** Catchphrase (9925) **7.00** Busman's Holiday (1418) **7.30** *Me and the Boys* (8437) **8.00** Christy (83128) **9.00** Sirens (96692) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (31924) **10.30** Dangermouse (19692) **11.00** Lou Grant (98234) **12.00** Zorro (78884) **12.30pm** *Me and the Boys* (40513) **1.00** *Trivial Pursuit* (35819) **1.30** Rhoda (61722) **2.00** Sirens (95451) **3.00** Lou Grant (53068) **4.00** Rhoda (15180) **4.30-5.00** Zorro (43884)

MTV

5.00am Wildside (81432) **6.30** The Grind (61692) **7.00** 3 from 1 (1141012) **7.15** Wildside (8607234) **8.00** VJ Ingo (804321) **11.00** Soul (86499) **12.00** Greatest Hits (39944) **1.00pm** Afternoon Mix (48692) **2.00** 3 from 1 (16853895) **2.15** Afternoon Mix (9129789) **3.00** Cinematic (4339741) **3.15** The Afternoon Mix (5762963) **4.00** News (6355383) **4.15** *Afternoon Mix* (6378234) **4.30** Dial MTV (9166) **5.00** The Worst of Most Wanted *(3012)* **5.30** *Music Non-Stop (53505)* **6.30** Sports (1383) **7.00** Greatest Hits (13506) ***8.00*** *Most Wanted (46352)* ***9.30*** Beavis and Butthead (30673) **10.00** MTV News (692166) **10.15** Cinematic (680321) **10.30** Real World One (11050) **11.00** The End? (50383) **12.30am** The Grind (42971) **1.00** Soul (97242) **2.00** Videos

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (3277234) **9.00** *Café VH-1* (7498963) ***12.00*** The Bridge (8182857) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (1814234) **2.30** Heart and Soul (8818673) **3.30** Into the Music (7186760) **6.00** Prime Cuts (4439166) **7.00** VH-1 for You (8913499) **8.00** VH-1 Rock (8922147) **9.00** Ten of the Best (8902383) **10.00** The *Bridge* (4083708) **11.30** The Nightfly (4084437) **1.30am** Ten of the Best (6353345) ***2.30-7.00*** *Dawn Patrol*

CMT EUROPE

Country music from **6am** *to 7pm, including at* **5.00** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

ZEE TV

7.00am *Asian Morning* (61949505) ***8.30*** Aangan Terha (43993586) **9.00** Hindi FILM: Chor Bazaar (36513234) **12.00** Campus (43997302) **12.30pm** Manasi (18196654) **1.00** Hindi FILM Tohfa Mohobbat (49000876) **4.00** Chunati *(27381429)* **4.30** Yugantar (35466893) **5.00** Kab Kyon Kahan *(96024470)* ***5.30*** *Aangan Terha (17466073)* **6.00** Vede Vaku (10616596) **6.30** Campus (26911986) **7.00** Video Junction (96044234) **7.30** Yeh Hai Bombay Meri Jaan (34016352) **8.00** News: Zee and U (96020654) **8.30** *Antakshri (96049789)* ***9.00*** *Parampara* (99243321) **9.30** Asp Ki Adalat (18116418) **10.00** Shakti (43998031) **10.30** Khnkiyan (43914079) **11.00** Kachwa Aur Khargosh (99255166) **11.30-12.00** Krishna (12981321)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 6am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm Fearless Fagan (1952) (96938692) **9.00 Sergeant York** (1941) (37784302) **11.20 The Hoodlum Saint** (1946) (51333857) **1.00am Wyoming Kid** (1947) (18058154) **2.45-5.00 Lord Jeff** (1938) (85701345)

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Fisons holds takeover talks with rival Medeva

By Sarah Bagnall

FISONS is in takeover talks with Medeva, a rival drugs group that could carry a price tag of about £900 million. Medeva, the smaller of the two companies, yesterday confirmed that discussions were under way. Christopher Fisher, a director of Lazards, the merchant bank advising Medeva, said: "Talks are taking place, but they are at an exploratory stage and may not lead to an agreement."

Medeva shares last week rose by 14½p — 7 per cent — on the back of speculation that Fisons was poised to make an offer. Analysts think that a successful bid would cost Fisons about 300p a share — a 73½p premium to Medeva's closing price of 226½p on Thursday.

Any offer is expected to be funded by a mixture of cash and shares. Medeva said that the deal was likely to effected by means of a recommended offer. Fisons is well placed to finance the deal, having, in recent months, undergone a radical restructuring that will leave it with an estimated £500 million in net cash when completed. Furthermore, Stuart Wallis, chief executive of Fisons, last week said: "Several banks have approached us offering to lend us substantial sums of money. And if we choose, we can issue paper for a transaction now that the share price has moved up."

Shares in Fisons closed last Thursday at 178p, compared with a low for the year of 103p.

The companies began informal discussions several months ago, but initially these were limited to possible licensing deals. The talks have broadened in the past couple of weeks to include a full takeover.

As a result of Fisons's restructuring the strategies of the two companies overlap. Medeva, once a stock market star until a profits warning in 1993, makes its earnings by buying in products that are too small for the giants of the industry. This is a niche area that Mr Wallis has identified for Fisons. Both companies also have strong sales and marketing networks.

Medeva would also fulfil Mr Wallis's desire to bolster Fisons' presence in respiratory drugs. He said: "We need to be bigger in this market. I think you have to be a leader in a market or not in it. I want Fisons to be number two behind Glaxo in the respiratory area."

Fisons has the asthma drug Intal and the follow-up product Tilade. The asthma market is growing at up to 10 per cent a year, but sales of Intal are falling because of generic competition. However, this decline has been offset by increased sales of Tilade. Fisons also has several delivery systems in development.

The companies have a fairly good geographical fit. Nearly 95 per cent of Fisons sales are outside the UK, with the biggest chunk in the US. It also has a good presence in several continental countries, including France, Germany, Italy and Spain, whereas Medeva has a relatively small presence on the Continent.

Medeva last month reported a bigger than expected rise in pre-tax profits, from £46.1 million to £64.2 million, in the year to December 31. Days earlier, Fisons announced £518 million of exceptional provisions that pushed it to a £487.6 million loss in the year to December 31, against a £700,000 loss last time.

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Tokyo's action fails to aid dollar

By Ross Tieman

THE dollar traded close to its all-time low against the yen in New York yesterday as it became clear that Japan's economic recovery package has failed to stem the pressure behind the rise in the Japanese currency.

While Robert Rubin, the United States Treasury Secretary, pledged his belief in a strong dollar to reporters in Delhi, the dollar traded at just 82.04 yen in New York. Canadian authorities intervened repeatedly in an effort to prevent their currency appreciating against the dollar.

Currency traders are now focusing on new talks between the United States and Japan over Japan's massive surplus in trade in cars and car components with the US.

Discussions under way in Washington centre on American demands that Japan remove alleged barriers to the sale of American cars and components in Japan. US officials say that the trade in cars and parts accounts for around two-thirds of Japan's $60 billion surplus with the United States.

Disappointment with Japan's 0.75 per cent discount rate cut, to one per cent, and a package of supposed economic stimulus measures, unveiled on Friday, was clear in the currency futures market, where the yen continued its rise.

The Japanese currency has now strengthened by more than 20 per cent against the dollar in the past 12 months, including a rise of 15 per cent since January 1.

Mr Rubin said that he was reserving judgment on the Japanese stimulus package. "It would be premature to judge until you saw the full specifics," he said.

Bob Brusca, chief economist at Nikko Securities in New York, said that the dollar was now clearly undervalued against the yen, but while America continued its "Japan bashing" instability would prevail.

He added: "The real danger is that this is driving Japanese investment offshore to countries in the Pacific Rim where they can compete against American firms with even lower costs.

"It is the only thing that is more absurd than a Lewis Carroll story."

United Gas returns to political fray

By Melvyn Marckus, City Editor

UNITED GAS, which shot to fame a year ago when *The Times* disclosed that the company's directors had created ten gas enterprises based in a terraced house in Fulham, London, has returned to the spotlight.

The Conservative MP Alan Duncan, a member of the Commons committee examining the Gas Bill, has tabled an amendment that would oblige British Gas to convert Transco, its transportation arm, into a legally distinct subsidiary. United Gas, the most vocal member of the UK's independent gas supply industry, has emerged as one of the strongest supporters of Mr Duncan's amendment.

Earlier this month, Peter Bryant, vice-chairman of United Gas, and Roger Turner, managing director, let it be known that one of the company's main recommendations was that Transco "must be legally separated from the rest of the British Gas organisation and effective regulation secured". United Gas says: "This would have the additional benefit of providing a constructive resolution of the current furore over utility salaries."

How such a manoeuvre would resolve the debate over the pay of utility-company directors is far from clear. Nor is it clear whether United Gas is prepared to encourage similar action among the regional electricity companies (RECs). United Gas holds minority stakes in gas trading companies in partnership with six RECs, including Norweb, South Western Electricity and Western Electricity. The question arises of whether such RECs will be urged to set an example and voluntarily set up their own local distribution systems as separate legal subsidiaries.

United Gas would appear to favour greater transparency at British Gas, but City analysts do not see United Gas as the most transparent of enterprises. Regulatory eyebrows were raised last year when *The Times* disclosed that certain directors of United Gas, including Mr Bryant and Mr Turner, had formed ten companies to take advantage of the UK's gas release programme, intended to encourage new competitors into the market for industrial gas.

The ten companies, with bizarre names such as Dogstar, Encurium and Zealtry, were all based at 25 Hestercombe Avenue, a terraced house in southwest London. Ownership is either direct or through Norland Gas Marketing, which, in turn, is owned by directors of United Gas. Norland Gas Marketing's registered address is at United Gas's Tothill Street headquarters.

Under the original terms of the gas release scheme — initially presided over by the Office of Fair Trading — no one entity was permitted to make more than one application. The letter, if not the spirit, of the regulations could be complied with if ownership of further companies were kept below 50 per cent. In the event, Mr Bryant owned 71 per cent of Airpoint, but less than 50 per cent, directly or indirectly, of the other Hestercombe Avenue companies.

Inquiries by *The Times* reveal that the "Hestercombe Ten" have all changed their year ends. Financial year ends of between March 8 and March 16 of 1994 would have implied report and account filings by January 1995. In the event, all ten companies have changed their year ends to December 31, 1993, and did not trade during the previous nine months. No filing of the annual report and accounts will be required for 1994 until November 1995.

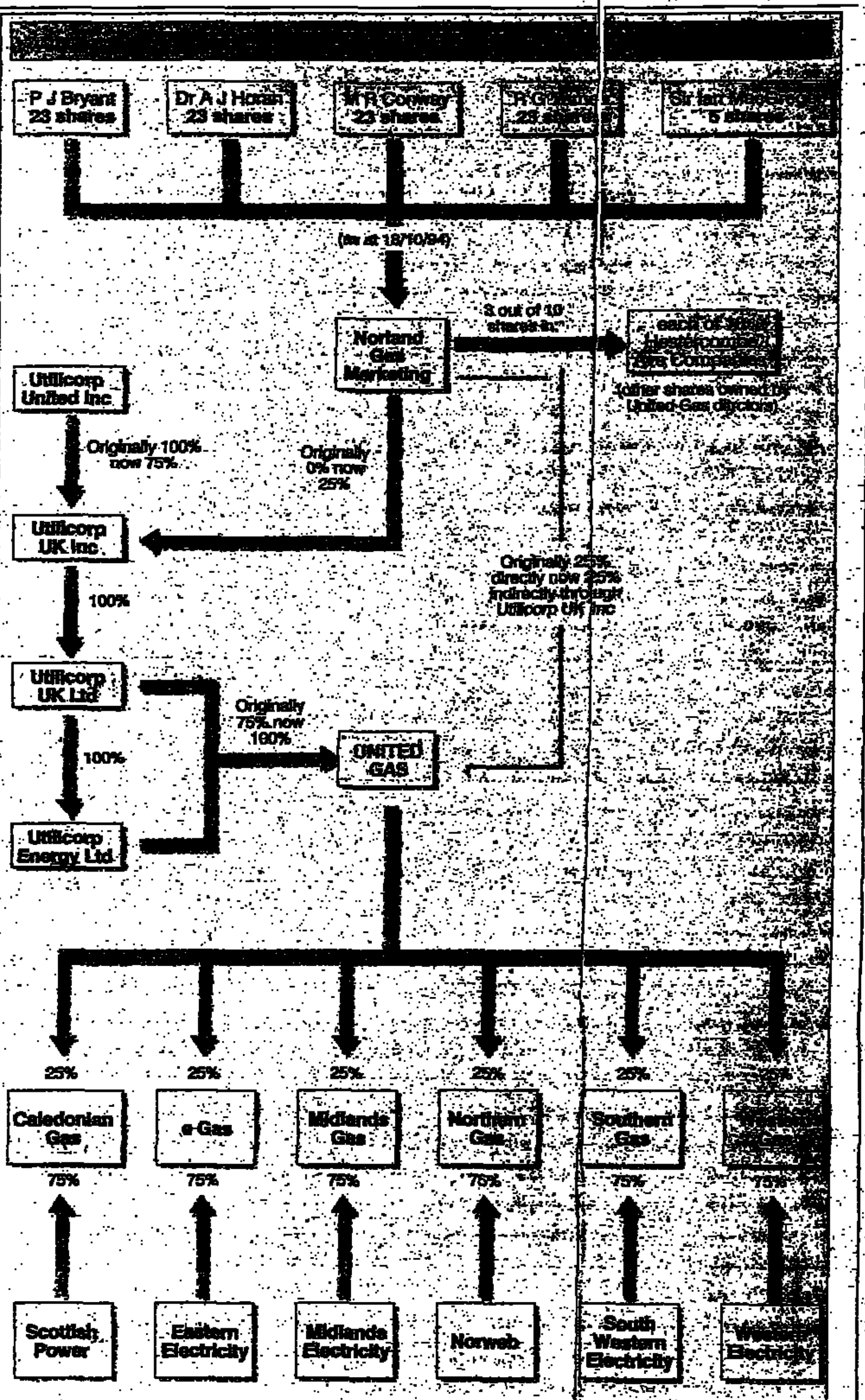
It would appear that if the year end had not been changed, the reporting year would have included almost six months (from October 1993 to March 1994) of the second-release gas year. As the companies are all shown as having not traded in the nine months to December 31, 1993, it must be presumed that in the last three months of 1993 no gas was taken. If it had been, a profit or loss would have had to be shown on trading.

It would also appear that the last day for filing annual returns for the "Hestercombe Ten" was April 5, 1995. As of last week, such returns had not been filed.

Between May and July 1994, changes took place in the ownership structure of United Gas. Norland Gas Marketing no longer holds a direct 25 per cent stake in United Gas. Its interest is now held through a 25 per cent stake in Delaware-registered Utilicorp UK Inc, the other 75 per cent being held by Kansas-based Utilicorp United, a utility corporation.

United Gas has filed accounts for 1993. Notes relating to directors' emoluments point out that £900,000 (£625,000 1992) was paid "to a fellow subsidiary undertaking" for the consultancy services of Mr Bryant, Mr Turner and Mark Conway, who are also directors of the company. According to the note "these persons were paid £295,357 (£253,456) in their capacity as employees of the same fellow subsidiary undertaking".

No 25 Hestercombe Avenue, base for ten gas companies



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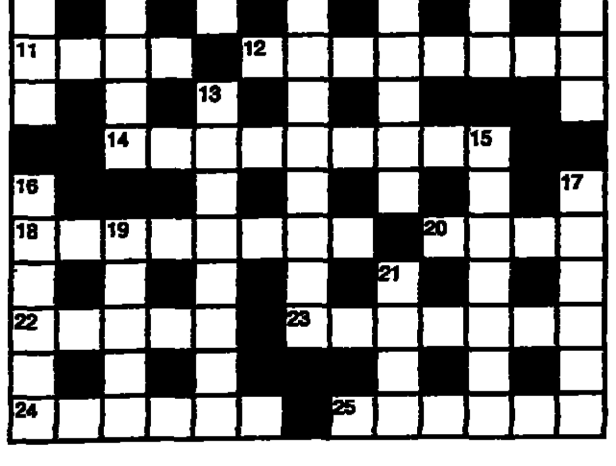

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- 4 Beetle, sacred to ancient Egyptians (6)
- 8 Coverings of polar regions (3-4)
- 10 Dated (5)
- 11 Emotion, excitement; eliminator (4)
- 12 Flair (8)
- 14 Golden Fleece seekers, led by Jason (9)
- 18 Hellish (8)
- 20 Intense longing (4)
- 22 Jump (for horse) (5)
- 23 Kills unlawfully (7)
- 24 Lurk, linger suspiciously (6)
- 25 Malady, revulsion (6)

DOWN
- 1 Negligible (6)
- 2 Oriental flower-arranging (7)
- 3 Pb element; pass (life etc) (4)
- 5 Querulous (8)
- 6 Retake (exam) (5)
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- 13 Unjustly annoy (8)
- 15 Victory (7)
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- 17 Xerxes was anciently its king (6)
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Warship builders square up in battle for naval contracts

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

BRITAIN'S leading warship builders and repairers are bidding for up to £1 billion of Royal Navy support-service contracts as the Ministry of Defence brings delayed market testing plans into effect.

Chief among the attractions is an invitation to buy the Royal Maritime Auxiliary Service (RMAS), which deploys more than 200 vessels and 1,600 employees at naval bases around Britain, and use its assets to provide back-up to the Royal Navy under a five-year contract. A panel of private bidders is competing to undertake its responsibilities, which range from fuelling to laying mines and recovering torpedoes.

Another plum on offer is a £100 million-a-year contract to manage Portsmouth dockyard, the biggest naval base in Britain. Private bids are also being invited to run a string of naval training establishments and take over two key naval test facilities on the west coast of Scotland. A panel of four companies has been invited to submit tenders to take over management of the Kyle of Lochalsh range, where torpedoes and underwater equipment are tested, and the Rona range, where the sonic signatures of vessels are recorded.

Front runner for many of the contracts is Vosper Thornycroft, the Southampton shipbuilder that is trying to use its Seawork subsidiary to build a services arm to complement its warship design and construction business.

Vosper already runs its own naval training establishment at Portchester, near Portsmouth. Although primarily directed at training crews for the warships it sells to overseas navies, the school has training contracts with RMAS and HM Customs.

Vosper could also cut the cost of maintaining the RMAS fleet by timing maintenance and refits to smooth the flow of work through its facilities. Because of its expertise Vosper has also been invited to bid to run the training schools and Scottish ranges. It is also keen to take over running the Portsmouth yard, which is close to its own slipways.

Competition will be keen, however. Babcock, which runs Devonport Royal Dockyard, has also targeted naval service contracts for expansion. It has already won a naval dockyard contract in New Zealand and is bidding to buy the Rosyth facility. GEC-Marconi, the defence supplier that owns the Yarrow warship yard on the Clyde, has been invited to tender for the Scottish ranges.

Vosper already trains crews for its ships sold overseas

Called to current account

By Our City Staff

MORE than six million people — representing about a fifth of all bank and building society current account holders — are dissatisfied with their account, according to a survey by Abbey National.

However, they take little action to switch accounts, with 60 per cent cent of those surveyed believing that the products and services of rivals are similar.

Penalty charging is the major reason for dissatisfaction, followed by general service charges and the low rate of interest paid on accounts in credit.

Abbey's survey estimates that there are some 36 million accounts in the UK, with 79 per cent of people over 16 holding a current account. Accounts are distributed across all classes and age groups, but the greatest concentration is in the 25 to 44 age group, with 84 per cent penetration. This compares with 76 per cent of those aged 65 plus having accounts and 49 per cent of those aged 16 to 24.

According to the survey, some four million account holders are sufficiently disillusioned with their banking relationship to have considered switching to another institution. Most have been thinking of moving their account for up to two years — but tend not to.

Charles Toner, managing director of Abbey's retail division, said: "Many customers think switching is too arduous and sadly continue to accept their lot." However, switching was increasing as people sought better service and returns.

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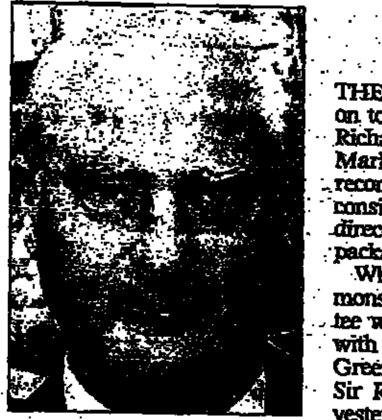
Progress of Greenbury pay inquiry impresses MPs



Greenbury: thorough

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

THE Government-backed committee on top executive pay, headed by Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman of Marks & Spencer, is likely to produce recommendations that will defuse considerably public concern about directors' salary and benefit packages.

While MPs on the all-party Commons' Employment Select Committee were largely satisfied last night with the scope and extent of the Greenbury Committee's inquiry after Sir Richard gave evidence to them yesterday, Labour members remain concerned that Greenbury will offer little to deal with the problem of high pay levels for company leaders.

Speaking to MPs at a private session of the committee, Sir Richard made clear that the inquiry has reached conclusions about a number of key issues, though a significant proportion remain to be decided.

The Select Committee is examining the pay levels, increases and benefits of the bosses of privatised utility companies. MPs called on Sir Richard, whose remuneration as chairman of M&S is £691,000 a year, to give evidence about the work of his committee, which was set up by the Confederation of British Industry at the suggestion of John Major.

As well as making clear that he finds many recent executive pay rises "distasteful", Mr Major has said that he will consider legislation if the Greenbury Committee recommends it. Sir Richard told MPs that he would be unwilling to appear in public before the Employment Committee for fear of jeopardising his own inquiry's work.

MPs reluctantly agreed to see Sir Richard in private yesterday. The Greenbury Committee, which is likely to report in July, is expected to frame a new code of conduct for companies setting top executives' pay, and may well propose changes in companies' disclosure of directors' pay in their annual reports. Sir Richard's remarks and evidence cannot be used in the Select Committee's report, which is now expected to be published after the Greenbury recommendations, though they are likely to influence the MPs' findings.

Sir Richard, who spent close on two hours with the MPs, made clear that his inquiry has reached agreement on the idea of a code of practice, and on extensive disclosure of information about directors' pay.

Greville Janner, the Labour chairman of the Employment Committee, welcomed Sir Richard's attendance before MPs, who will next week question Clare Spottiswoode, head of Ofgas, the gas industry regulator.

Mr Janner said that the committee did not favour seeing witnesses in private, but added: "Sir Richard is still taking evidence, and it would have been impossible for him to have mentioned anything in detail about his inquiry's work in public."

MPs agreed not to disclose Sir Richard's remarks, but committee members from all sides acknowledged they had been impressed by the scope and thoroughness of the Greenbury inquiry's work.

Some Labour members were sceptical about how far Greenbury would deal with the pay levels of privatised utility leaders, as well as the openness with which details of directors' pay are presented.

Mr Janner described the session as "a good meeting — very frank".

Stockbroker fined £200,000 by regulator

By Robert Miller

GREIG Middleton, a leading firm of private client stockbrokers, was yesterday fined a record £200,000 by the Securities and Futures Authority, the regulator for stockbrokers and futures dealers, for breaching a number of its rules in raising money for a special tax shelter scheme.

The firm's chairman, Mark Kemp-Gee, was also reprimanded and fined £5,000. Valerie Marshall, the director most closely concerned with the Second Greig Middleton Enterprise Zone Trust, an unregulated collective investment scheme, was "severely" reprimanded and fined £10,000.

The SFA action is being interpreted as a signal to corporate finance houses in the City that even unregulated investment schemes will fall under the watchful eye of the regulators.

The Greig Middleton Enterprise Zone Trust raised some £11 million from 300 investors, including soccer star Paul Gascoigne, in 1991. The money was used to buy an office block in London's Docklands originally called Fleet House but subsequently renamed The Mansion.

The investors have formed an action group to recover alleged losses from the Greig Middleton Enterprise Zone scheme through the courts. The stockbroker had applied to the SFA to adjourn its disciplinary proceedings in view of the court case but this move was rejected by the regulator.

The SFA said Greig Middleton had failed to instruct any external accountants with regard to its enterprise zone trust and that it had "sought to work to an unrealistically short timetable" in forming the scheme. It said Greig Middleton had also "placed too much reliance upon, and did not sufficiently investigate, incorrect, incomplete and exaggerated representations made by the proposed tenant of the property that the trust was to acquire".

The SFA added that information about the financial position of the tenant and its parent company contained in the trust's particulars and in internal company memoranda was incomplete, inaccurate and exaggerated.

The tenant referred to by the SFA was Seifert Limited, the firm of architects, and its parent company which went into receivership in the summer of 1992.

Antony Gold, a partner in Eversheds, the solicitor representing some 200 investors in the Second Greig Middleton Enterprise Zone Trust, said last night: "I find it extremely hard to believe that Greig Middleton could not regard the outcome of the disciplinary proceedings as not having a profound effect on the outcome of the civil action. We are looking at the same issues as those which the SFA has now taken disciplinary action on. The prospectus for the enterprise zone scheme talked about a low-risk investment which was capable in the medium term of being sold to an institutional buyer."

Mr Gold added: "Investors will be most encouraged by the decisive signal which the SFA has sent to Greig Middleton." The value of The Mansion is now understood to be less than £2.5 million and the building is still unlet.

Brian Tora, a director of Greig Middleton, said: "This was not a big fine by industry-wide standards. The costs involved, including the fines, will be met by the original shareholders of Greig Middleton before last year's purchase of the firm by King & Shaxson. There has been no suggestion of dishonesty on the part of our business. We no longer act as sponsors to enterprise zone trusts and we have reviewed our compliance procedures as a consequence."

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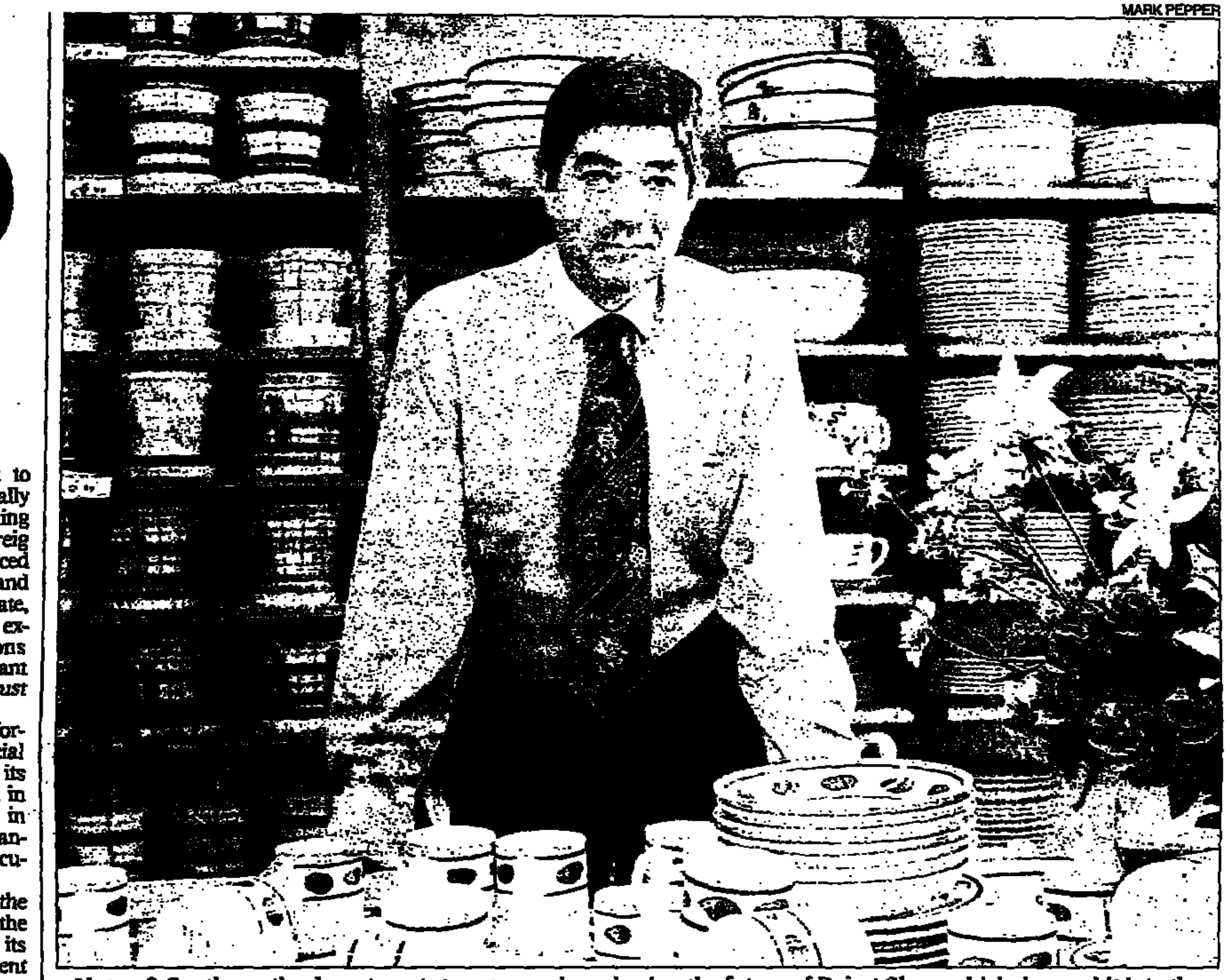


Upton & Southern, the department store group, is reviewing the future of Reject Shop, which dragged it into the red in the first half. Ronald Trenter, above, who took over as chairman last month, said all options were on the table as the group reported a pre-tax loss of £1.2 million, compared with a profit of £92,000 last time. Tempus, page 26

Dollar stays on downward path

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

THE dollar continued to drift towards its all-time low yesterday as European dealers returned from the Easter holiday and gave the thumbs down to Japan's interest rate cut and package of promises on cutting the country's huge current account surplus.

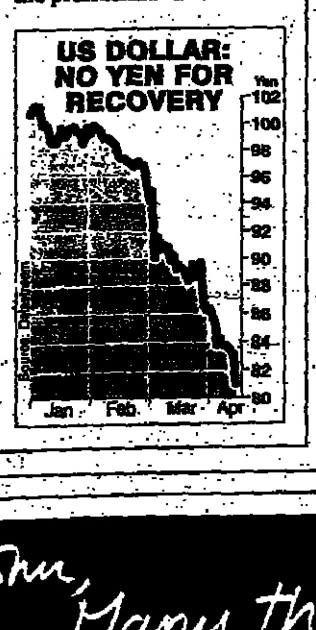
The Bank of Japan had intervened repeatedly overnight to support the dollar, but it failed to make any headway and continued to drift during European trading, hitting lows around the Y81.30 mark, very close to its record low of Y80.15. The US currency also slid to DM1.3650, not far from its all-time low against the German currency of DM1.3450.

The markets were disappointed with Friday's 75 basis point cut in Japan's official discount rate and the vague nature of the package designed to stimulate the Japanese economy.

Now dealers are looking towards next week's meeting of the Group of Seven in Washington to see whether leaders can come up with anything firmer to arrest the slide in the dollar.

Reports yesterday also suggested that trade talks between America and Japan on trade in cars and car parts were not going well.

The French franc yesterday fell more than three centimes against the mark in nervous trading before this weekend's first round of the presidential elections.



Pru hit by pension mis-selling fallout

By Sarah Bagnall, Insurance Correspondent

THE fallout from the pension mis-selling scandal continues to take its toll at Prudential, the UK's biggest insurance company that is being officially investigated by Lautro, the industry regulator.

Prudential, which has 9 per cent of the personal pensions market, yesterday revealed that sales of single contribution pensions fell from £66 million to £8 million in the first quarter of 1995. It said this reflected tough market conditions and adverse publicity surrounding pensions mis-selling.

Since the start of the year, Prudential has seen a change in chief executive after Mick Newmarch resigned following a dispute with regulators. He has since been replaced by Peter Davis, a former chairman at Reed Elsevier.

The company has also felt the impact of new disclosure rules on charges that slowed down the sales process. Worldwide sales of single contribution life, pensions and investment products rose slightly to £1.6 billion, while sales of regular contribution products fell 16 per cent to £116 million.

Prudential said that worldwide sales of life and pension products were relatively healthy in the year to March 31 given market conditions.

Single premiums grew 5 per cent to £1.5 billion while annual premiums fell 9 per cent to £105 million. The sharpest declines were in sales of investment products. Sales of regular payment investment products halved to £11 million, while single contribution investment products fell 64.5 per cent to £33 million.

In the UK, total regular contributions dropped 14 per cent to £73 million. Single contribution sales fell 21 per cent to £579 million, partly reflecting an 18 per cent fall in life and pension sales to £558 million.

Analysts think industry-wide sales were down by up to 30 per cent in the first three months of 1995. This reflects the adverse publicity surrounding pensions mis-selling, a weak housing market, and the new disclosure rules.

Bank to take over Knight Williams

By Robert Miller

SINGER & Friedlander, the merchant bank, yesterday announced that it is to take over the management of £400 million worth of assets currently held by Knight Williams, the controversial independent financial adviser that specialises in retirement income planning. The 20,000 KW investors will vote on the proposed deal next month.

The deal ends a period of uncertainty over the future direction of Knight Williams. Last August, the adviser was fined £50,000, with costs of £23,400, for ten rule breaches. In November, the Securities and Investments Board, the chief City watchdog, announced that it was brokering a complaints handling procedure between Knight Williams and an action group of dissatisfied investors. Knight Williams has also been criticised by MPs and the Consumers' Association.

Singer & Friedlander said it would make an initial payment of £5 million. Further payments, which are not expected to exceed £12 million, will depend of the amount of money actually transferred from five of KW's funds to the merchant bank's investment funds based in Dublin.

The merchant bank yesterday emphasised that the payments will not be made to benefit KW directors or other individuals in the company. Tony Fraher, chief executive of Singer & Friedlander Investment Funds, said: "The payments will be made to companies within the Knight Williams Group in order to strengthen their finances, including those of the company handling claims from complainant investors. We are not taking on any liabilities."

Kenneth Jordan, founder of the Knight Williams action group, said last night: "We have 250 people who have lodged complaints through the SIB-inspired channel. I have been reassured that the level of compensation will be realistic ... I do believe that many aged members of the action group will shortly be able to put this sad experience behind them."

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Yield	4.27%	
FT-SE A All share	1565.74	(-5.70)
Nikkei	16225.11	(-79.04)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4188.47	(-6.91)*
S&P Composite	506.32	(+0.19)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	6%*	(6%)
Long Bond	103 7/32*	(103 19/32)
Yield	7.36%*	(7.33%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6 19/32%	(6 19/32%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	104 1/4	(104 9/32)

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New York:		
$	1.6140*	(1.6100)
London:		
$	1.6137	(1.6091)
DM	2.2026	(2.2353)
FFr	7.7570	(7.8040)
SFr	1.8187	(1.8490)
Yen	131.23	(134.36)
£ Index	84.1	(84.4)

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London:		
DM	1.3649*	(1.3863)
FFr	4.8073*	(4.8400)
SFr	1.1274*	(1.1450)
Yen	81.37*	(83.55)
$ Index	86.9	(88.0)

Tokyo close Yen 81.10

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jul)	$17.95	($17.30)

GOLD

London close	$393.55	($389.15)

* denotes midday price

Deutsche joins two Tunnel link bids

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

DEUTSCHE BANK is competing against itself for a role in the construction of the £3 billion Channel Tunnel Rail Link project.

The bank's London structured finance team is a member of the Union Link consortium, which is advised by Morgan Grenfell, Deutsche's London investment banking operation. Meanwhile, project financiers at Deutsche Bank in Frankfurt are part of the rival Green Arrow consortium.

The two are competing against the two consortia regarded as favourites, London & Continental, which includes Virgin, Bechtel and SG Warburg, which is also financial adviser, and Eurorail, with Trafalgar House, NatWest, and BICC, advised by Kleinwort Benson.

The four groups submitted bids to the Department of Transport last month, and two of them will be eliminated next month. The winner is due to be selected by September.

The decision to join rival consortia required the approval of the Deutsche Bank board and other participants.

One of the Union Link consortium members said: "An institution like Deutsche Bank has the ability to erect the appropriate Chinese walls where necessary." He dismissed speculation that the two bids, which have a strong German presence, might merge, though if one of the German bids were to be shortlisted, members of the other one might be invited to participate, he said.

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BA in 'second home' hunt ahead of inquiry

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

BRITISH AIRWAYS is searching Europe for an airport capable of becoming its "second home" should a proposal to build a fifth terminal at Heathrow be rejected. A public inquiry into the £900 million plan is scheduled to begin next month amid growing concern that environmental protests could halt the development.

Sir Colin Marshall, the chairman of BA, will tell the inquiry that if the plan for a fifth terminal is rejected more than 30 million people a year will be prevented from using Heathrow. "With no source of suitable additional passenger capacity in the UK, BA would need to consider the 'fall-back' option of optimising its use of a 'capacity-capped' Heathrow and seeking to secure growth through the development of a major hub in continental Europe," he will say in his opening remarks.

"It would serve another part of the European market and be capable of attracting in-bound tourism and transfer passenger markets which would have been lost to the UK through the failure to expand Heathrow."

Detailed studies have been carried out at many of Europe's main airports, with Paris Charles de Gaulle emerging as a clear favourite to become the European "hub" for hundreds of displaced British Airways flights.

A new terminal would boost Heathrow's capacity from about 50 million passengers a year to 80 million. BA has built much of its future fleet strategy around a proposed 600-seater jumbo jet which, it says, is essential if it is to develop a fifth terminal to its full potential.

If such an aircraft was not available, the airline would press Boeing to "stretch" the existing 747-400 and press Airbus to enlarge the A340. Neither would, however, be able to carry more than 510 passengers at any one time, effectively reducing BA's potential passengers by 1.5 million a year and inevitably leading to more flights having to be crammed into Heathrow.

BA, which will take over the fifth terminal if the go-ahead is given, wants to increase the average number of passengers carried in each of its aircraft from 147 to 214. The growth in the average size of aircraft would enable the airline to handle about 34 million passengers a year, compared with 22 million now, Sir Colin says.

But the airline and BAA, the airport operator, face bitter opposition to the plan for a fifth terminal from environmental groups and 11 local authorities that claim that it is a "potential environmental disaster".

Sir Colin, however, dismissed fears over the development. "It doesn't require a second runway, there will be no increase in night noise, and noise levels generally are reducing all the time. It will mean a net increase of around 7,000 jobs in BA by the year 2010 together with thousands more in BAA and, indirectly, in industries in the area of west London, which already has 10 per cent unemployed."

Ford £200m confidence vote for Dagenham

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

FORD will today announce plans for a £200 million investment at its Dagenham plant to build a new diesel engine for use in cars produced throughout the world.

Tim Eggar, the Industry Minister, will be present to congratulate Ford's British managers who have beaten off a challenge from an alternative project: to set up a Ford plant in Hungary producing the new, 2.5 litre car engine.

Selection of Dagenham, as global supplier for the new high-performance diesel, revealed by *The Times* ten days ago, is an important vote of confidence in Ford's British operations.

The new engine, codenamed Puma, will help Dagenham, already the company's leading European centre for diesel engines, build a niche as Ford's worldwide centre for diesel expertise. Today's announcement will be made as the company unveils the 28 millionth diesel engine built at Dagenham.

The new engine will be fitted to the newly relaunched Scorpio car, built in Germany, and may be introduced later to other car models.

Versions of the new motor will also be fitted to Transit vans manufactured in Southampton, at Genk in Belgium and Poland, replacing the present 2.5 litre direct injection diesel also built at Dagenham.

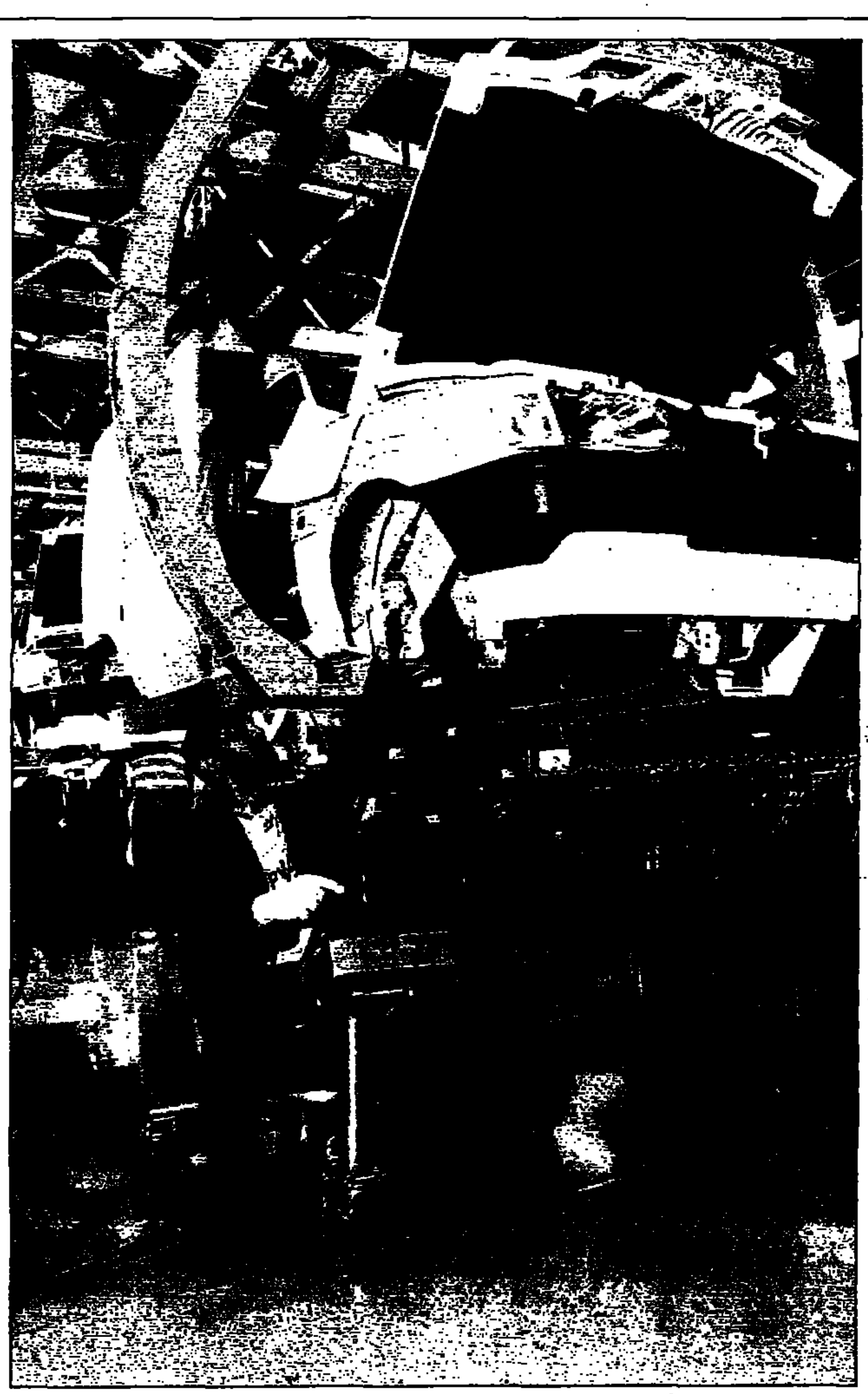
Ford is already investing £90 million at Dagenham to increase the output of its 1.8 litre turbo diesel, used in Escort and Mondeo models, and the normally aspirated version, used in the Fiesta small car, from 1,350 a day to 1,650 a day.

But Dagenham's new lease of life does not depend exclusively upon engine production. Earlier this year, Ford confirmed that Dagenham is to produce a version of its Fiesta small car for sale by Mazda, its Japanese affiliate, in European markets.

Ford assembled 135,509 Fiesta cars at Dagenham and 57,779 Fiesta and Courier vans last year. The Mazda version will lift volumes by another 25,000 cars a year. But Dagenham is also set to raise output of Fiesta by another 50,000 to 75,000 cars a year to replace part of the production from Ford's Valencia plant in Spain, which is halting Fiesta assembly so that it can make a new small car for sale in southern Europe.

Ford bosses have been impressed by improvements in efficiency at Dagenham, which used to be regarded as a problem plant. Since 1990, productivity by the 6,500 employees has risen by 38 per cent.

The decision to chose Dagenham in preference to Hungary reflects the conservative investment strategy persued by Ford in relation to Eastern Europe. Ford originally acquired a site in Poland several years ago to make car seat covers, but the plan was abandoned. It was only in January that Ford announced plans for its first assembly plant in Eastern Europe. The company is adapting the seat cover factory at Plonsk, north of Warsaw, to assemble Escort saloons and Transit vans from *semi-knocked-down kits* freighted in from Western Europe. Engines for the vehicles, including diesels, will be supplied from Dagenham and from the Ford engine plant at Bridgend, Mid-Glamorgan.



Improvements in efficiency at Dagenham have impressed Ford's management

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SINGAPORE	40	70
SOUTH AFRICA	44/60	77
HONG KONG	40	70
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Mortgage lending shows signs of recovery

By Robert Miller

MORTGAGE lending fell by 13 per cent year-on-year to March, according to the Barclays Mortgage Index published yesterday. In the first quarter of 1995 lending was 5 per cent lower than the corresponding period last year.

Taken in isolation, last month's lending figures appeared to show some signs of recovery with a 25 per cent increase and all regions in the UK participating in the upswing. Garry Skelton, head of Barclays Mortgages, said the one month's data was encouraging, but added: "It is important to remember a number of factors that may act to dampen any meaningful recovery in the market this year. Starting this month, reductions in the rate of tax relief on mortgage interest payments and the married person's allowance will raise the tax bill of married couples with a mortgage in excess of £30,000 by more than £17.50 a month. There are also continuing concerns that interest rates may rise still further. All in all, the market faces a pretty uncertain future."

The Corporate Estate Agents Property Index, also published yesterday, mirrors that of Barclays. The figures, based on the sales returns of 4,000 estate agency offices, showed house sales rose 12.4 per cent last month, but were 14.1 per cent down on the corresponding period last year.

Since the start of the year, housing activity in terms of property prices and transactions has been sluggish.

April's statistics will be studied more closely than normal as they will cover Easter, which is regarded as the kick-off of the house-buying season.

Russians spoiling trade, says De Beers

DE BEERS admits in its 1994 annual report that it is not satisfied with the existing arrangement for the marketing of Russian diamonds through its Central Selling Organisation (CSO), but says it will continue to negotiate. Julian Ogilvie Thompson, chairman, suggests that but for Russian leakage of rough diamonds on to world markets — the trade estimates the value at $700-800 million — De Beers might have been able to raise diamond prices last year and ease producers' quotas. Continued Russian sales outside the CSO had been detrimental to other producers, however, and were destabilising the market.

De Beers is budgeting to spend $180 million on marketing and advertising programmes this year, and plans new programmes in new markets, including India, Pakistan and Arabian Gulf Cooperation Councils states. Prospects for retail diamond sales in 1995 remain encouraging, Mr Ogilvie Thompson says. He says, however, that the confidence and prosperity of the industry will depend on continued co-operation between the leading producers.

Arlen restores payout

ARLEN, the electrical manufacturer and distributor, is seeking to prevent its directors having service contracts of more than six months without shareholder approval. The company is tabling a resolution to be put to investors at the company's next annual meeting. Arlen is restoring the dividend, with a final 0.4p a share, after returning to the black in 1994 with taxable profits of £3.16 million, against losses of £6.8 million previously. Earnings were 2.6p a share, compared with losses of 13.2p. Turnover rose to £29.2 million from £26.5 million.

Philip Morris lights up

PHILIP MORRIS reported a 14 per cent increase in first-quarter profits, with an improvement in its tobacco, food and beer busineses. The company earned $1.34 billion, or $1.57 a share, in the three months to March 31, compared with $1.17 billion in the same period a year earlier. Revenue rose 6.6 per cent to $16.5 billion from $15.5 billion. Operating profit from tobacco operations rose 16.9 per cent to $1.8 billion, as revenues increased 14.2 per cent to $7.9 billion. Operating profit from food businesses rose 6 per cent to $933 million, while revenue edged up 0.5 per cent to $7.5 billion.

Melton Medes appeal

MELTON Medes, the industrial and trading group, has been given leave to appeal against a high court ruling that struck out a £7 million claim for damages against the Securities and Investments Board (SIB), the chief City regulator. Last July, Mr Justice Lightman said there was no evidence to support allegations that the SIB had wrongfully disclosed information it had received during an investigation of Melton Medes and Melton Medes Pension Trustees, its subsidiary. The SIB stepped in after an initial investigation by Imro, the regulator of fund management companies, was launched in 1992.

US purchase for Avon

AVON RUBBER, the automotive components and safety products company, has agreed to buy Pacer Tool & Plastics of Plainfield, New Jersey, for $6.6 million, to be funded through borrowings. Pacer supplies plastic mouldings to the cosmetic and pharmaceutical industries. It also supplies tooling to other plastics manufacturers. The company's sales totalled $7.8 million in 1994, with pre-tax profits of $1.9 million. The net value of assets being acquired is $6.6 million. Avon is seeking to develop its plastics manufacturing and non-automotive business in North America.

Scapa buys in Canada

SCAPA GROUP, the manufacturer of industrial materials, has entered the North American specialist tape market with the acquisition of Renfrew Tape, the Canadian company, for a total of C$17 million (£7.6 million). The consideration comprises C$10 million in cash and the assumption of debts of C$7 million. Renfrew has production facilities in Ontario and Watertown in New York. The company has annual turnover of £12 million, which, it is anticipated, will lift the annual sales of Scapa's enlarged tapes division to £90 million.

Case for rate rise 'is weakening'

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

BRITISH consumer confidence remains low and price pressures in industry appear to be easing, according to two new surveys, suggesting that the case for an interest rate rise, widely expected next month, may be weakening.

Dun & Bradstreet, the business information service, polled 1,700 company bosses and found that a net 38 per cent of firms planned to raise prices rather than lower them during the second quarter, the first drop in this prices indicator for two years.

However, Dun & Bradstreet said that consumers may not feel the benefit of this shift for some time because the number of retailers planning price rises had risen. But other companies, particularly in the construction and service sectors, are not planning price rises. The proportion of manufacturers aiming to raise prices, a source of particular concern to the Bank of England, stabilised, albeit at a high level. Philip Mellor, the firm's senior analyst, said that overall prospects for lower inflation were encouraging.

The latest Gallup poll of consumer confidence yesterday showed that consumers remained gloomy about their household finances and the economy as a whole. It also appeared to confirm the Dun & Bradstreet survey's more benign signs on prices, with people becoming less pessimistic about rising prices.

Overall, Gallup said that the so-called "feel-good" factor was still scarce, with more confidence than this time last year but less than six months ago.

Strong growth in trade predicted

By Our Economics Correspondent

INTEGRATION of the world's economies is accelerating and providing a golden opportunity for both industrial and developing countries to raise their incomes and to boost world trade, according to a report by the World Bank.

But the bank said that it is more important than ever for governments to maintain sound macro-economic policies and to increase the openness of their markets to world trade. It also urged countries, in the wake of the debacle in Mexico, that closer integration of the world's capital markets brings risks and that they must "pay careful attention to the type of flows they receive and the uses these flows are put to".

The bank forecasts that, if trade liberalisation continues, world trade will grow by more than 6 per cent a year over the next decade — the fastest since the 1960s. Given the right policies, this would provide the engine to growth of nearly 5 per cent in the developing countries and 2.8 per cent in industrial countries.

Progress in developing economies should be more impressive over the next decade than it has been over the last two. The World Bank said that developing countries should account for 38 per cent of world output growth over the next 15 years compared with 22 per cent in the 1980s. Their share of world output would, under this scenario, rise from 21 per cent in 1994 to close to 25 per cent in 2004. The Bank suggests that China, India and Indonesia could rank among the top six world economies by 2010.

EBRD grant for Russian nuclear plants

THE European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) is close to signing a 45 million ecu (£37.4 million) deal with Russia for crucial safety measures to two nuclear power stations (Colin Narbrough writes).

The Russian projects will use up much of the EBRD's nuclear safety account (NSA), leaving a number of Soviet-designed reactors in Eastern and Central Europe to be brought up international standards. The bank had hoped for an injection of up to 200 million ecu, but EBRD member states last week agreed a figure far short of that.

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Australia $	2.27	2.10
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Denmark Kr	9.55	8.55
Finland Mkk	7.41	6.76
France Fr	8.21	7.58
Germany Dm	2.37	2.16
Greece Dr	377.00	352.00
Hong Kong $	13.12	12.12
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel	5.2642	4.5142
Italy Lira	2835.00	2680.00
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Malta	0.605	0.550
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Sweden Kr	12.34	11.54
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Turkey Lira	refer	64682.0
USA $	1.712	1.582

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One number, all phones

By Eric Reguly

TELECOMMUNICATIONS Premium Services (TPS), which made its debut yesterday, has launched a phone service that allows subscribers to be traced using a single phone number, no matter where they are.

The *Personal Assistant* service can be programmed to ring the subscriber's office number first. If he or she is not there, the call will automatically be diverted to a home number or, if the subscriber chooses, a mobile phone or country house number. If there is no answer at any of those locations, the call will be diverted to an electronic mailbox, which also can be used to retrieve faxes. Personal Assistant is being targeted at travelling executives, small companies that cannot afford secretaries, and people with home offices.

Cellnet, the mobile-phone network, has been testing the service for several months and intends to make it widely available this year.

Personal Assistant is based on software that was developed by Bellcore, once part of AT&T-Bell Laboratories, in New Jersey. Michael Kennedy, managing director, said that TPS has spent about $10 million adapting the software for commercial use.

TPS was formed by its senior executives and Chatterjee Management Group, a New York investment firm that manages funds on behalf of George Soros, the fund manager. More investors are to be recruited and if the company is successful, it is likely to be floated.

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A D KENNINGHAM
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Joint Liquidator
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT LIQUIDATORS AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO CLAIM
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Joint Liquidator
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Joint Liquidator
Dated this 6th day of April 1995.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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No 001589 of 1995
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and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 5th April 1995 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above Company from £150,000,000 to £82,536,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the above Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 11th April 1995.
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Solicitors for the Company.
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Notice is hereby given by the United States of America that on June 22, 1994, a First Amended Complaint was filed in the case of U.S.v. $10,064.73 U.S.currency and 18,000 ounces of silver held in account Nos. 010103/0121 and 010103/0052 at Alromaizan Company (U.K.) Limited, London, England. Case No. CV 94-3966-JSL (U.S. District Court, Central District of California). The aforementioned property is restrained in the U.K. as belonging to Wanis Koyomejian for the cause set forth in the complaint, to wit: Violation of Federal Narcotics Laws, and is sought to be forfeited to the United States of America, to be disposed of in such manner as the U.S. Attorney General may direct. Any persons having or claiming a legal right, title or interest in the aforedescribed property must file a Claim pursuant to Rule C(6), Supplemental Rules to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, with the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Federal Courthouse, 312 N. Spring St., Rm. G-8, Los Angeles, California 90012, USA, with a copy to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Federal Building, 300 N. Los Angeles St., Rm. 7516, Los Angeles, California 90012, USA, within twenty days of the final publication of this notice; and an Answer within twenty days after filing the Claim; otherwise, default will be noted and forfeiture sought of the interest in the defendant property of any person not so complying. The Claim shall be verified on oath or solemn affirmation, and shall state the interest in the property by virtue of which the claimant demands its restitution and the right to defend the action.

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In the High Court of Justice Chancery Division Companies Court No 007868 of 1994 London Airways Travel Corporation Limited - In Liquidation. Notice is hereby given that Alan Redvers Price of Messrs Casson Beckman & Partners, Hobson House, 155 Gower Street, London WC1E 6BJ, was appointed Liquidator of the above company at a meeting of creditors held on 11 April 1995. Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must forward their proofs of debt to me by 26 May 1995, failing which they may be excluded from any subsequent dividend. Dated this 13/4/1995 A R Price Liquidator

CORRECTION

A notice in this column of 23rd November 1994 correctly stated that Carlton Residential Limited had been placed in members' voluntary liquidation on 11th November 1994. Its registered company number, however, was mistakenly given as 2185883; its true number being 2185063. We are glad to make it clear that Anton Rothbury Credit Corporation, registered number 2185883, is not and has never been in liquidation, whether voluntary, compulsory or otherwise. We apologise to the latter for any embarrassment caused by this error.

WENDIAN LIMITED (IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company number: 2613455
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF WENDIAN LIMITED

On 31 March 1995 the company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Anthony Victor Lomas of Price Waterhouse was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The liquidator gives notice under the provisions of Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at No.1 London Bridge, London, SE1 9QL by 18 May 1995 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Date 12 April 1995
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Liquidator

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☐ Currency markets still defy logic ☐ Life assurers are learning a hard lesson ☐ Bass departure blazes a trail

Europe's turn on the rack

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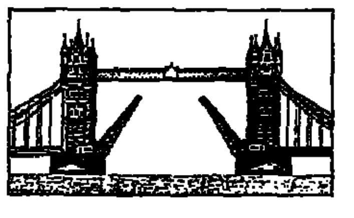

☐ LENT showed foreign exchange market operators at their silliest and most arrogant. The weeks after Easter may be different and — perversely — less exuberant. But the antics are likely to remain as silly.

How much does it take to stop the dollar falling against the yen? More than a near-halving of the official Japanese short-term interest rate, judging by the first day's trading after Friday's 0.75 point cut. This had been widely dismissed as inadequate before the event. But the second day started much more circumspectly. The very absence of definite direction was a plus for beleaguered Japanese industry.

The dollar had been plunging headlong against the mark and the yen since the final days of last year. After the Bundesbank cut German rates, the dollar's rate against the mark stabilised, though it remained weak. There was certainly no evidence of a rebound. Speculators merely focused on the yen, taking it the extra mile from 100 to the dollar at the start of 1995 almost to 80.

Should dollar/yen rates become a two-way bet again, such a pattern might well be repeated. Extrapolating from what happened to the mark, no-one should pronounce with much confidence for at least a month on whether the yen/dollar trend remains intact, has stabilised or been reversed. If the dollar/yen does stabilise, however, there is again no reason to expect an early or dramatic reversal.

With a lack of imagination typical of the foreign exchanges, yesterday's dealings saw attention switch back to the mark. More likely, the next real project for speculators would be to mount another assault on European currencies still linked to the mark. At election time, the French franc would be an obvious coconut to shy at.

While the dollar is at the heart of currency turmoil, pressure is bound to remain on the governments that sponsor other currencies. America is too big and powerful to need to do the adjusting, unless funding from abroad dries up. Some Japanese investors may have packed up and gone home. But America is still able to borrow 10-year money at about 7 per cent, the same as in Germany, though twice as much as in Japan. Endemic deficits still do not set currency trends any more than Japan's endemic surpluses.

The happy exception to the pain of American sullenness appears to be Britain. No problems of adjustment here. The currency is poised nicely in mid-Atlantic between the European and American currents. Sterling has subsided gently, enough to make life easier for the exporters who are keeping growth going, but not enough to import inflation or destroy confidence.

Not for Britain the straitjacket of the exchange-rate mechanism, which France volunteers for with masochistic enthusiasm. Unhappily, despite all Britain's economic *savoir faire*, its business and taxpayers must still pay the highest long-term interest rates of any world currency.

No regulating will close the tax trap

☐ LIFE assurers are learning the hard way that public criticism by regulators can have a big impact on their business. The latest business figures from the Prudential, like many other reputable life company, show how far the market as a whole has been hit by the pension selling affair, on which the Personal Investment Authority will make more ponderous announcements this week. The effects on the income of those criticised and others in the business can far exceed any direct fines imposed by regulators.

The four-year-old lapse by Greig Middleton, on which the Securities and Futures Authority passed judgment yesterday, will therefore be received with shudders by other private client stockbrokers, small issuing houses and sponsors. The ill-fated Second Greig Middleton Enterprize Zone Trust was an unregulated collective investment scheme, the sort that any adviser should sell only as a riskier investment for those willing and able to take risks, however cast-iron income or guarantees in such schemes might seem. But that does not mean such an issue was outside basic rules under the Financial Services Act, as the industry discovered through this case.

This is an important case, but the results are mixed. It means that investors are due greater protection than many might have assumed.

But it also means that small and apparently simple stock issues of this kind cannot be done on the cheap. Costs will rise and average potential returns may therefore fall.

The SFA's decision is timely. Enterprise zones may be yesterday's idea, but venture capital funds and schemes of various kinds are likely to provide a booming new investment sub-culture. As yet, it is far from clear whether the Greig Middleton case will encourage ordinary investors, convincing them that they are now better protected, or put people off this whole investment sector.

One old lesson should be learned by all investors, but probably never will be. Those who invest solely or primarily to gain tax reliefs are most likely to be saddled with the worst underlying investments.

One for the road

☐ THERE is rather more to the departure of Philip Bowman from Bass and these shores than the simple homecoming of a nostalgic Australian. Mr Bowman, at 41, was as ambitious as he was respected and would certainly have been pressing Sir Ian Prosser, his boss. But the assumption must have been that he would get the number two job at Bass in due course and had no need to jump the gun.

All involved stress that there has been no falling out with Sir Ian, who is, to be fair, not a hard man to fall out with. Sir Ian has always resisted Cadbury-type pressures to divide the job of chairman and chief executive by pointing to an impressive list of non-executives, comprising Sir Geoff Mulcahy of Woolworths fame, Sir Michael Perry of Unilever and Sir Peter Middleton of BZW, and that troika of knights would certainly have had the clout to insist on a split function when appropriate.

But the sheer speed of Mr Bowman's departure, out of the door within ten days of the formal announcement, raises obvious questions. The answer probably lies within the pages of Bass's last report and accounts. Mr Bowman earned a little more than £300,000 and cannot have looked for much more as chief executive, while Bass's mature market position and the climate of the times does not give much scope for playing the options game. His package at Coles Myer will easily dwarf his salary at Bass, while also taking him out of the whole wrangle over corporate remuneration in Britain. On this analysis, he will not be the last executive to go.

Hidden wires

☐ THE travails of Pierre Suard, deposed from the Alcatel Alsthom chair by a magistrate, may sound alarms right across privileged or state-run continental communications groups. If the French take so tough a line over old continental practices, prepare for more scandals. Maybe not. Some insist that there is no precedent and the Alcatel affair is about far more than the odd expensive or cheap contract.

Merrill Lynch hit by plunge in Wall Street trade

From Sean Mac Carthaigh in New York

MERRILL LYNCH, America's largest dealer and issuer of stocks and bonds, suffered a 39 per cent drop in first-quarter profits to $227.3 million, or $1.08 a share, thanks to the plunge in Wall Street business.

The firm, however, announced a 13 per cent increase in its quarterly dividend to 26 cents and a buyback of 15 million shares of common stock, sending its shares up 87.5 cents to $44.25.

Daniel P. Tully, Merrill chairman and chief executive, said the dividend increase "reflects the continuing strong earnings performance of the company, and our confidence in the future".

Meanwhile, Chase Manhattan, America's sixth-largest bank, which is under pressure from an activist shareholder and facing overtures from potential bidders, promised to cut hundred of millions of dollars from costs by 1996.

Thomas G. Labrecque, Chase's chairman, poured cold water on the overture, saying the bank was not interested in a merger with NationsBank, which is reported to be interested in merging with Chase to create the country's largest banking company. The first-quarter dividend rises from 40 to 45 cents a shares.

Several other large American banks reported strong first-quarter profits yesterday, with Citicorp announcing a jump of more than 36 per cent. They all said that they would have generated even higher revenues had the dollar not fallen so sharply on the currency markets.

Citicorp said growth in emerging markets along with lower credit costs drove its earnings to record levels; the firm reported its first-quarter net income touched $829 million, or $1.53 a share, compared with $553 million, or $1.12 a share. Worldwide corporate banking revenues, adjusted to exclude credit-related costs, jumped 20 per cent to $1.4 billion during the quarter, while total assets jumped nearly 12 per cent to $269 billion, the bank said.

Chemical Bank said its earnings jumped 21 per cent to $385 million, or $1.46 a share, compared with $319 million, or 1.13 per share, for the January to March period of 1994. Total assets by the end of March were $185.3 billion, compared with $166 billion.

Wells Fargo said its first-quarter income rose by 29 per cent, to $4.41 from $3.41, on a per share basis. The bank's loan-loss provision was reported as nil, compared with $60 million. Against the trend, Bank One reported a slip in January to March earnings; down 5 per cent to 75 cents a share, compared with 79 cents a share in 1994.

Labrecque: under pressure

Merger talks provide tonic for Medeva shares

SHARES in Medeva, the drugs group, leapt 31p to 257½p yesterday on news that it is in merger talks with Fisons, its rival (Sarah Bagnall writes). More than 5.7 million shares changed hands. The advance followed a gain of 14½p last week that was prompted by speculation that Fisons was poised to make an offer for its smaller rival. In contrast, Fisons shares slipped 4p to 174p, after a fall of 6p last week.

Medeva said that the talks were exploratory, while City analysts believed that market speculation had bounced the company into making an announcement. The two companies are said not to have discussed price, but analysts have put a £900 million price tag on Medeva. This equates to an offer of 300p a share.

Paul Diggle, an analyst at Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, thought that 300p would be "a sensible level". Analysts agreed that the deal would make commercial sense. Medeva would bolster Fisons' presence in respiratory drugs and Fisons would strengthen Medeva's marketing presence on the Continent.

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WMI falls in first quarter

DIFFICULTIES with its European hazardous waste disposal business have eroded first-quarter profits at Waste Management International, the London-quoted arm of WMX Technologies of Chicago (Eric Reguly writes).

Tougher environmental regulations and pricing pressure, especially in Sweden, The Netherlands and Italy, drove down pre-tax profits 12.8 per cent to £33.7 million. Earnings per share decreased 9.4 per cent to 5.8p. Turnover rose 8.9 per cent to £278.7 million.

Nigel Wilson, finance director, said that it was too early to predict whether the company would meet its forecasts for 1995. The shares closed at 260p, up 2p.

Bowman quits as Bass Taverns chief

By Martin Waller

PHILIP BOWMAN, head of Bass Taverns and the obvious candidate to take over in due course at the top of Britain's biggest brewer, has left suddenly to go back to his native Australia (See Pennington, this page).

The surprise move, which will see Mr Bowman out of the group by the end of the month, knocked the Bass share price back 14p to 539p. Mr Bowman, who retains strong connections with his homeland, is joining the board of one of its biggest companies, Coles Myer, the retail conglomerate.

Bass played down any suggestion of a row with Sir Ian Prosser, the chairman and chief executive, and Mr Bowman will receive no compensation for his abrupt departure.

His replacement as chief executive of Bass Taverns is Tim Clarke, a former analyst at Panmure Gordon, the broker, and currently managing director of the European, Middle East and Africa division of the Holiday Inn hotel chain.

Mr Bowman, 41, was finance director of Bass under Sir Ian until ten ago when he moved across to run the taverns business, a move that was widely seen as offering him experience that would be invaluable in running a business, were he ever to take on the chief executive role from Sir Ian.

"He's a nationally mobile executive, and he's been given an attractive position," said the Bass spokesman. Analysts said his departure was bad news for Bass because the market had approved of his performance in running the taverns business.

Pentium chip boosts Intel

From Sean Mac Carthaigh in New York

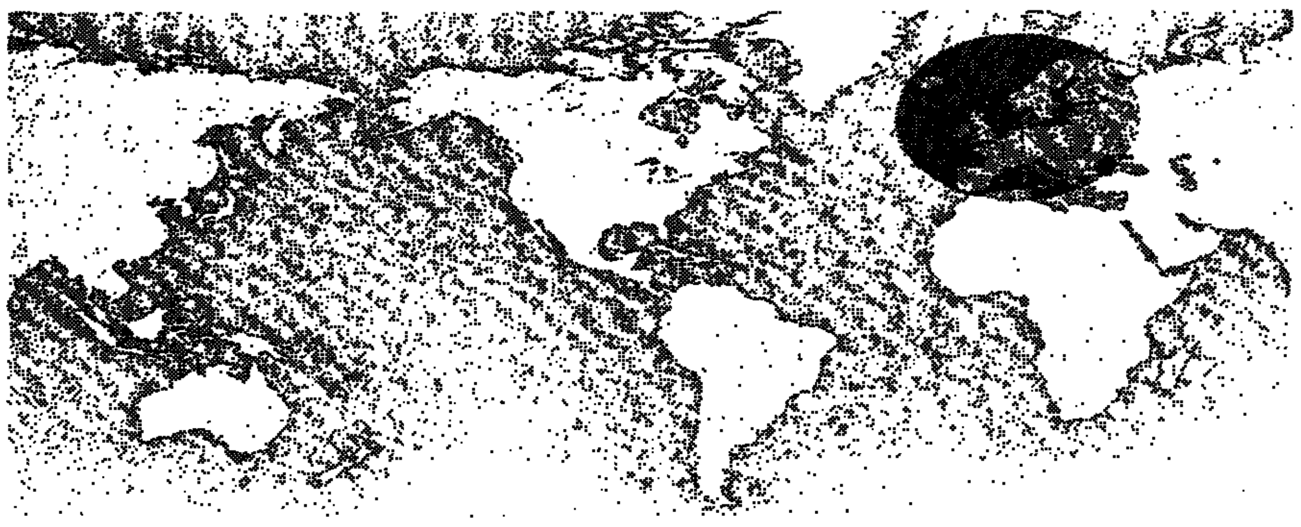
INTEL surprised the computer industry and the markets yesterday with a 44 per cent jump in first-quarter profits. The world's largest computer chip manufacturer said relentless demand for its Pentium microchip drove up earnings, in spite of the bad publicity surrounding a now-rectified flaw in the device.

The firm earned $889 million, or $2.04 per share, for the first three months of this year, compared with $617 million, or $1.40 a share, in the January to March period last year. Revenue soared to $3.56 billion, up 34 per cent from $2.66 billion a year ago. The company added that it bought back two million shares of common stock in the quarter.

Investors yesterday compared the latest results with those of the last quarter of 1994, when Intel earnings plummeted 37 per cent after the firm took a $475 million charge to fix its Pentium chip. The episode turned into a public relations nightmare for Intel when it tried to force computer users to prove they needed a replacement chip before the company would part with a new one. In December, Intel reversed its policy and offered to replace all microchips.

The company reported that the revenue from the more expensive Pentium microchip was now exceeding that from its 486 chip.

☐ Sun Microsystems, Texas Instruments and Honeywell also reported January to March profits that exceeded Wall Street expectations; Sun Microsystems said it earned $108 million, compared with $58 million in 1994, a rise of 87 per cent.



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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Kwik Save on a high as investors scent a bid

SHARES of Kwik Save closed at their highest level for at least a year as City investors began to ask if this was the next discount food retailer on the corporate hit list.

The shares closed 13p better at 588p last night in a thin market in which market-makers are normally only prepared to make a price in 10,000 shares. By the close of business, 284,000 had changed hands. But there can be no disguising the rapid rise in the price. During the past four trading days, it has climbed 31p with Tesco's successful bid for Wm Low last year still in the minds of speculators.

Dairy Farms, the Hong Kong company that is its biggest shareholder, continues to hold almost 30 per cent of the equity. It has consistently denied claims that it will bid for the rest of the shares one day. But the speculators remain sceptical and refuse to rule out the possibility of Dairy Farm selling its stake to one of the big European food retailers, such as Netto or Lidl.

Elsewhere, the rest of the equity market was making heavy weather of things on its return from the Easter break, as it dipped below the 3,200 level. Prices opened lower and traded in narrow limits for much of the day in thin conditions that saw 410 million shares traded. Sentiment remained overshadowed by the dollar's weakness leading to the growing prospect of a Japan/US trade war and the overnight setback for investors on Wall Street.

The FT-SE 100 index closed at its low point for the day, as renewed losses were recorded in New York, to finish 14.3 down at 3,194.5.

There was some revived institutional support for the electricity distributors with James Capel, the broker, said to be pushing the sector to its clients. The Recs have certainly lost some of their gloss after the announcement of tougher price controls by the industry regulator which culminated in the failure of the £1.2 billion bid by Trafalgar House for Northern Electric.

Gains were recorded in **East Midland**, 6p to 639p, **Eastern**, 7p to 623p, **Midlands**, 6p to 645p, **Seeboard**, 6p to 359p, **South West**, 10p to 675p, **South Wales**, 11p to 691p, and **Southern**, 3p to 644p.

Medeva, the fast-growing pharmaceutical group, leapt 36p to 260p after confirming it was in bid talks with rival **Fisons**, 4p easier at 174p. Both said they had been having informal talks for several months on a wide-ranging series of topics, covering licensing deals to drug development and a possible merger.

The speculators are already putting a price tag on Medeva of at least 300p a share, valuing the entire company at £900 million. Fisons is well placed to conclude such a deal. In recent months, it has raised £500 million from the sale of two of its main businesses while undergoing a significant restructuring programme.

AAH marked time at 442p as Gehe, the German group, picked up almost 5 per cent of the shares in the marketplace. At the last count, Gehe spoke for almost 18 per cent. It is bidding 445p a share.

There was a two-way pull in **Enterprise Oil**, unchanged at 390p, and **BP**, 3p easier at 433p. Swiss Bank Corporation was said to be recommending the shares to clients, while ABN Amro Hoare Govett was reckoned to be taking a cautious line.

The banks were under a cloud as ABN Amro Hoare Govett turned neutral on the sector. It is urging institutional clients to move from overweight to hold, having seen the high street banks, excluding HSBC, outperform the market by 20 per cent in the past six months. The message from Hoare is that we may have seen the best out of them for the time being. **Barclays** dropped 10p to 647p, **Lloyds** 3p to 622p and **National Westminster** 2p to 550p. Also in the sector, **HSBC** fell 6½p to 748p, while **Royal Bank of Scotland**, on 422p, and **Bank of Scotland**, on 220p, shed 2p each.

Regina, the royal jelly supplier, held steady at 1¾p after chipping in, as expected, with interim figures leaving it firmly in the red with pre-tax losses of £160,000, against a deficit for the corresponding period of £270,000.

Automated Security, the security products group, firmed 1p to 61p, in spite of a setback in first-quarter figures. Pre-tax profits were *down from £2.58 million to* £824,000. The group blamed the setback on higher interest charges and exceptional costs of £300,000.

Shares of troubled **Enterprise Computers** were frozen at ¾p as the group's refinancing operation was thrown into doubt. The company has received a claim relating to a guarantee on a lease of a property occupied by one of the its subsdiaries and running until 2010. Enterprise has now postponed the extraordinary general meeting scheduled for tomorrow while it investigates the claim.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Made a cautious start to the week with prices trading in a narrow range for much of the session. *A rally was prompted* by the latest US housing starts data but this proved short lived with prices reverting to mostly unchanged on their overnight positions.

The Bank of England has announced details of its latest auction and plans to issue £2 billion of existing stock Treasury 8 per cent 2000 designated 'A'. The auction will take place on April 26.

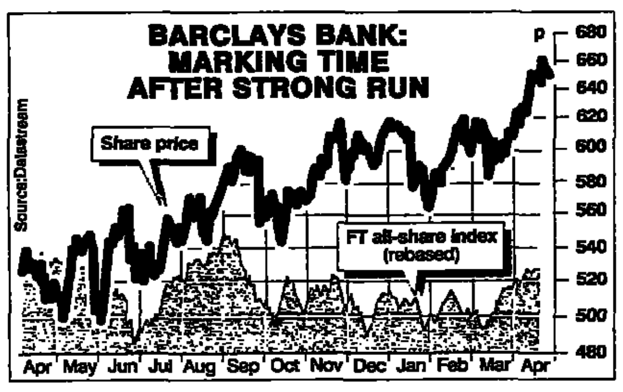
In the futures pit, turnover remained at a low ebb with just 24,000 contracts completed as the June series of the long gilt slipped a tick to £104¼.

Among conventional issues, benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2013 finished all square at £97¹³/₃₂, as did Treasury 8 per cent 2000 at £99⅛.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Worries about a weak dollar and prospective corporate earnings conspired to keep shares on Wall Street weak in spite of a firmer bond market and favourable economic data. By midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 6.91 points at 4,188.47.

Kwik Save shares have risen 31p in four trading days

RJB Mining, which went public last year, rose 10p to 416p on talk of a bid from Hanson, which has mining interests in the US. Brokers say that a bid for RJB is not as unlikely as it sounds. If *the figures are to be believed, the shares look cheap on their* current rating, which claims a prospective p/e of 5 for 1996.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 4188.47 (-6.91)
S&P Composite .... 506.32 (+0.19)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 16225.11 (-79.04)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 8644.97 (-17.02)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 405.47 (-1.12)

Sydney:
AO .... 2040.5 (+19.8)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1965.29 (-21.16)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2051.09 (-2.64)

Brussels:
General .... 7168.68 (-0.16)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 1855.70 (-25.44)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 585.70 (-4.10)

London:
FT 30 .... 2434.0 (-12.7)
FT 100 .... 3194.5 (-14.3)
FT-SE Mid 250 .... 3493.2 (-7.6)
FT-SE-A 350 .... 1586.1 (-6.3)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 .... 1269.49 (-12.19)
FT A All-Share .... 1565.74 (-5.70)
FT Non Financials .... 1686.49 (-5.72)
FT Fixed Interest .... 111.33 (+0.42)
FT Govt Secs .... 92.33 (+0.02)
Bargains 20921
SEAQ Volume 410.8m
USM (Datastrm) .... 150.96 (+0.22)
US$ .... 1.6130 (+0.0080)
German Mark .... 2.2055 (-0.0234)
Exchange Index .... 84.1 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.1936
£:SDR .... n/a
RPI .... 147.5 Mar (3.5%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Albright & Wilson (150)	174	+2
Beale	171	...
Bicmpatibles Intl (170)	171	...
Brit Aerospace Uts	138	-12
Coral Products (60)	63	...
Dailywin (128)	130	...
Datrontech (130)	155	...
Expro Intl (175)	174	...
For/Col Uts (100)	100	...
Geared Inc IT (100)	99	...
Natl Power (p/p) (476)	177	+4½
PTS Group (90)	92	...
PowerGen (p/p) (512)	189½	+5½
Precoat Intl (125)	128	...
Rainford (270)	312	+5
Schroder Inc Gth	535	...
Scot Oriental Smlr (100)	98	...
Superframe Wts	5	...
Vision Group (97)	153	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Arcon Intl n/p (Ir20p)	¼	...
Guinness Peat n/p (20)	5	...
Inspec Group n/p (175)	38	+1
TBI n/p (35)	2	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
JD Wetherspoon .... 497p (+16p)
Porvair .... 336p (+10p)
Copymore .... 150p (+10p)
Tadpole Tech .... 226p (+10p)
Molins .... 545p (+10p)
Amersham .... 890p (+6p)
Ranger .... 420p (+13p)
EFM .... 768p (+8p)
Henderson Ad .... 1125p (+22p)

FALLS:
Barclays .... 649p (-8p)
Bass .... 538p (-15p)
BPB Ind .... 279p (-8p)
Redland .... 436p (-7p)
Wolseley .... 347p (-7p)
Rothmans .... 490p (-7p)
Unilever .... 1217p (-9p)
Gen Accident .... 589p (-6p)
Sun Alliance .... 337p (-7p)
Thomson Corp .... 775p (-30p)
XCL .... 40p (-8p)

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Motorway halt

PAVILION SERVICES is a surprisingly chunky deal for Granada, putting a value on each motorway pit-stop of £14 million apiece. But it does answer one question that has been troubling the market since the finals in December: it is all very well to throw cash off at the rate Granada does, but what will the group find to do with it?

Gerry Robinson, the chief executive, suggested the possibility of share buy-backs, but this was not what the average fund manager wanted to hear and the shares, perversely, began to fall. Since comprehensively recovered, they now stand at their high point for the past year. Pavilion has been hawked around a number of possible trade buyers since late last year, in parallel with preparations for a float, with groups such as Forte supposedly interested; pressure from the original backers and the weight of debt has brought the deal to a close.

Pavilion makes margins of about 8.4 per cent, a full three percentage points below those enjoyed at Granada's service stations, and this implies a £4 million improvement possible from the off. The deal will therefore be earnings-enhancing from day one, and market forecasts suggest a £5 million contribution to profits after financing should be possible in the first full year.

Granada, far from running out of ideas, will shortly announce another significant corporate step, the entry into the Channel 5 fray in conjunction with BSkyB and TCI, North America's biggest cable operator. For now, the shares sell on an undemanding multiple of 14.5 times this year's earnings and 13 times those for 1995-96.

Medeva/Fisons

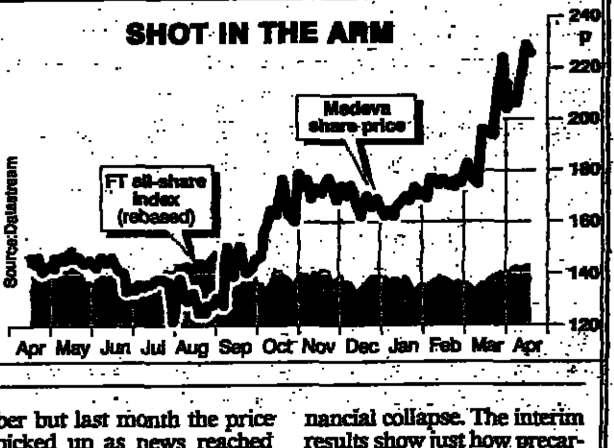
MEDEVA is sitting pretty. The group can blush coyly at the advances of Fisons, knowing that it will not be left an old maid if it refuses its hand.

Medeva has a chequered history. Once a stock market darling with a share price of more than 280p, the company rocked the City in July 1993 with a profits warning that left the shares languishing at 116p. Since then, they have crawled their way back above 200p before rumours of an impending offer sent them racing ahead again.

Medeva has successfully carved out a niche. Unlike the rest of the drugs sector, the group does no research and only a small amount of development.

Instead, a string of deals has brought a range of products either through acquiring drugs in a late stage of development or by licensing arrangements. The strategy has paid off and Medeva is now a self-sustaining business that does not need Fisons.

The question is whether *Fisons is prepared* to pay a premium to expand in one bound or whether the group has the management time to grow by a piecemeal approach. The City believes 300p a share would clinch the deal — representing a take-out premium in line with others in the sector. That would put Medeva on 18 times prospective earnings. Medeva and its shareholders just have wait and see if Fisons is prepared to pay the price.



Oil prices

AN indignant Iraq has once again put oil on the move. The US-sponsored package of oil exports for aid was rejected last weekend. But stonewalling in Baghdad lifted the immediate threat of some 600,000 barrels being pumped into the market, and markets responded with a boost to West Texas Intermediate prices, which reached $20 on Monday. London oil traders returned from their Easter break and Brent crude joined the rally, boosting the June delivery contract to $18.26, well ahead of most market forecasts of $16.50-$17 for the year.

Iraq remains the unpredictable factor and last weekend's decision to turn down the aid package does not preclude agreement being reached in June. However, underlying trends are also looking favourable: an exceptionally mild winter kept the Brent price within a $16-$17 trading range since December but last month the price picked up as news reached the market of strong first-quarter demand combined with normal inventory levels in spite of the warm weather.

A slow recovery in continental Europe has kept a lid on OECD oil demand but the Asian economies are likely to be the main source of growth. In the short term, the oil market's focus will remain on Iraq as sanctions are gradually removed, and a sudden supply boost from an aid package could pull prices back to $16-$17. But there are sign that oil could be moving to a new trading range.

Upton & Southern

SHAREHOLDERS in Upton & Southern must long for the good old days when the group consisted of three department stores in the North-East that just about broke even. The acquisition of the Reject Shop has done nothing but bring it to the brink of financial collapse. The interim results show just how precarious life has been. A net cash outflow of almost £2 million in the first half would have been enough to bring the group down had it not been for last October's £5.5 million rescue rights issue, but shareholders' funds stand at just £3 million, a thin cushion for a group that can lose £2 million in 26 weeks.

Ronald Trenter, the new chairman, is in the middle of an urgent review of the Reject Shop. Up to half of its 31 stores may have to close. But taking that hit will not come cheap and Upton will probably have to seek some sort of refinancing.

With the shares languishing at about 3p, yet another rights issue is out of the question, so it is probably in need of bank or venture capital help. Aid was notably absent for Pentos, even though the valuable prize of Dillons was on offer. Upton has no such jewel, and its future looks uncertain.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	937-935	Jul	1049-1047
Jul	965-964	Sep	1060-1057
Sep	982-981	Dec	1075-1070
Dec	1006-1004	Mar	1093-1085
Mar	1029-1028		
May	1039-1037		Volume: 5225

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	3138-3137	Jan	3000-2980
Jul	3090-3085	Mar	2990-2960
Sep	3040-3035	May	2960-2920
Nov	3020-3010		Volume: 4066

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	301.4-00.0
Spot: 339.5		May	unq
Aug	333.0-32.5	Aug	300.7-97.1
Oct	308.8-07.5	Oct	unq
Dec	301.0-99.6		Volume: 1656

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 17

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	91.44	132.12	124.94
(+/-)	+1.35	-0.38	+0.02
Eng/Wales:	91.43	133.10	124.65
(+/-)	+1.26	+0.43	-0.08
(%)	-57.0	-46.0	-53.0
Scotland:	91.57	125.96	126.55
(+/-)	+3.71	-1.00	-0.45
(%)	-27.0	-37.0	-9.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.40	+0.40
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.30	+0.55
Brent 15 day (Jul)	17.95	+0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	19.75	+0.55
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.55	+0.55

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 197 (n/c)	O: 199 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	163 (+3)	164 (+3)
Non EEC 1H May	159 (+3)	160 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Jun	159 (+3)	160 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	107 (+2)	109 (+1)
Naphtha	168 (+3)	170 (+3)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

May	158.00-58.25	Aug	157.50-57.75
Jun	156.50-56.75	Sep	158.75-59.25
Jul	156.25-56.50		Vol: 14497

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	18.32-18.33	Sep	17.54 BID
Jul	17.97-17.99	Oct	17.44-17.47
Aug	17.73-17.76		Vol: 31428

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	117.65	May	110.75
Jul	118.75	Sep	103.00
Sep	103.95	Nov	104.00
Nov	104.95	Jan	105.75
Jan	106.95	Mar	107.65
Volume: 277		Volume: 23	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
May	310.0	317.0
Apr	134.0	130.5
May	unq	145.0
		Volume: 43

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
May 119.25-119.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 95	2300	2295	2295
May 95	2310	2295	2310
Jun 95	2210	2200	2208
Jul 95	2020	2005	2015
Vol. 237 lots		Open interest: 4597	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2938.0-2939.0	2907.0-2909.0	3623100
Lead ($/tonne)	606.00-607.00	617.00-619.00	243850
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1056.0-1056.5	1078.0-1078.5	851125
Tin ($/tonne)	5800.0-5801.0	5820.0-5822.0	28385
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1852.5-1853.0	1857.0-1858.0	2817175
Nickel ($/tonne)	7345.0-7350.0	7485.0-7490.0	84744

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Dom.	500	33½	41	45½	0	10½	14
(*533½)	550	0½	11	18½	17	36	39
Argyll	280	5	15½	21½	1	13½	16½
(*284)	300	0	7	13	16	26½	29
ASDA	70	7½	9½	11	0	1½	2½
(*77½)	80	0½	3½	5½	3	5½	7
Boots	500	16	27½	37	0½	15	18
(*516)	550	0	6	15	34	46½	48
Br Airways	390	11½	24½	34	0½	15	19½
(*401)	420	0	10½	20½	19	32½	36½
BP	420	13	24½	34	0½	10	15½
(*433)	460	0	7	15½	27	33	37
Br Steel	160	1	8½	12½	1	7½	9½
(*160)	180	0	2	5	20	21	22½
C & W	390	28	37½	46½	0	8½	12½
(*418)	420	2	19	29½	4½	21	25
CU	543	25	—	—	0½	—	—
(*567½)	592	0½	—	—	25	—	—
ICI	750	3	34	46	4½	34	36
(*750)	800	0	13½	24½	50	55	65½
Kingfshr.	420	27	41½	51	0	8	14½
(*447)	460	0½	18½	28	13	25	32
Land Sec	550	27	35½	41	0½	13	17
(*576½)	600	0½	8½	16½	24½	44½	46½
M & S	390	28½	34½	41	0	5	9½
(*418½)	420	1½	15	23	3	17	22½
Nat West	550	3	29	39½	3	20	30
(*551)	600	0	9½	18½	49	52½	60½
Sainsbury	420	3	16	25½	1	17	21
(*422)	460	0	3½	10½	38	46	48
Shell	700	16½	38	50	0½	11½	19½
(*715½)	750	0	12	23	34½	37½	45
Smkl Bch.	500	15½	32½	43½	0½	14	20½
(*515½)	550	0	11	20½	34½	42½	48
Storehse	220	12	18½	23½	0	5	7½
(*232)	240	0½	7	13	8	15	17½
Trafalgar	50	1½	5½	6½	1	3	3½
(*51)	60	0	2	2½	9	9½	10
Unilever	1200	17½	57	83½	1	24½	32
(*1216½)	1250	0	31	59½	37½	50	56
Zeneca	850	42½	70½	84½	0	14	25½
(*892½)	900	3	40	55½	10	33½	46
Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Grnd Met.	390	18	25½	34	4	11½	15½
(*402½)	420	3½	11	19	20	27½	31
Ladbroke	160	10½	16½	19½	1½	4	6
(*168½)	180	1	6½	10	12	14½	18
Utd Bisc	330	16½	29½	35	4	10	16
(*340)	360	4	15½	20½	21	26	31½

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
BAA	475	16½	—	—	0	—	—
(*491)	500	1	16	25½	9	23½	27½
Thames W	460	29½	36½	41½	0	12	16
(*489½)	500	0½	14	20½	10½	33½	37
Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAT Ind	420	30	41½	46½	2½	12½	16
(*445)	460	6½	18½	26	19	32	35½
BTR	330	12½	22½	28	4½	9	16
(*337)	360	1½	9½	13½	23½	26	33
Br Aero	483	25½	—	—	10	—	—
(*495½)	531	6½	—	—	36½	—	—
Br Telcm	360	31	38	40	0½	6½	9
(*389½)	390	9	17½	21½	8	19½	22
Cadbury	409	31½	43	—	1	5½	—
(*437½)	447	6	19	—	14	20	—
Guinness	460	14½	29½	35½	7	15½	20
(*465)	500	1½	12	16½	35	39	42½
GEC	300	12½	18½	21½	3	11	13½
(*307½)	330	1	5	9	22½	30½	32
Hanson	220	21	23½	26	0½	3	5½
(*239½)	240	5	10½	14	5	9½	13½
LASMO	160	9½	15	19½	2½	6	7½
(*169½)	180	1½	6	10½	15	17½	18½
Lucas	180	14½	20½	24½	1½	5½	9½
(*193½)	200	3	10	14	11	15	19½
Pilkingtn	160	18	20	23	0½	3½	4½
(*177)	180	3½	8	11	6	12	13
Prudential	300	28	37	41	1	3½	7½
(*326)	330	6½	18	22	10	14	19½
Redland	420	18	29	36	10	17½	24
(*435½)	460	1	12	18½	38½	42½	47
R-Royce	160	12½	18	21	1½	4½	7
(*170)	180	2½	8	11	11½	14½	17
Tesco	260	14	18½	23	4	9	10½
(*273)	280	2½	9	13	15½	19½	21
Vodafone	180	10½	15½	21	3	7½	10
(*186½)	200	2	7	11½	14½	16½	21
Williams	330	8½	16	19½	9½	15	20
(*335)	360	0½	5½	8½	35	36	39½

FT-SE INDEX (*3195)

	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250	3300
Calls						
Apr	158½	109½	61½	18	2	1
May	172	129	90½	58	34	18
Jun	186	148	113	84	58½	38
Jul	209½	172½	138½	108½	83	61
Dec	—	252½	—	192	—	144½
Puts						
Apr	1	1	2½	13½	55	105
May	7½	14½	26	44	71½	109
Jun	19½	31½	40½	67½	94	125
Jul	32½	44½	61	81	106½	135½
Dec	—	94½	—	133	—	186

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat.	460	20	28½	37½	12	21	23½
(*462½)	500	5	12½	19½	39	45	46½
Amstrad	175	14	—	—	4½	—	—
(*182½)	200	3	6½	11½	19	21½	23½
Barclays	600	58½	69½	81	5	13½	19
(*647)	650	24	38½	51½	21½	32½	39½
Blue Circ	280	19	27½	32½	6½	12	15½
(*289½)	300	9	17	22½	16½	22	25½
Br Gas	280	20½	24	27	4	7½	12
(*298½)	300	7	13	16½	13½	17	22
Dixons	220	22½	25	28½	3	9	10
(*237)	240	9½	13	17½	11	19½	19
Forte	220	9½	15½	18½	6½	9	12
(*226)	240	2½	7	10	20½	21½	23½
Hillsdwn	180	8	13	16½	6	9	10
(*180)	200	1½	5	8	20	21½	22½
Lonrho	160	9½	14	18	6	10	12½
(*163)	180	2½	6	9½	19	22	24
Sears	100	8	10	12	1½	3½	4½
(*107)	110	2	5	7	7	8½	9½
Thrn EMI	1100	54½	68	81	16	35½	43
(*1127)	1150	27½	40½	55½	38½	62½	69
Tomkins	220	22½	26	29½	2	7	9
(*239)	240	9½	14	18½	9	16	18
TSB	240	14	19½	24	4	15	16
(*242)	260	5½	11	15½	21	20½	27½
Wellcome	1000	55½	62	—	1	3	—
(*1053½)	1050	19½	24	—	9½	17	—
Series		Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Glaxo	700	8½	40	52	2½	24	40½
(*705½)	750	0	18	28½	44½	53	69½
HSBC	700	48	75	92	0	16½	29½
(*748)	750	5	45½	64	7	36	51
Reuter	460	24½	42	51½	0½	9½	15
(*484½)	500	0½	20	29	17	27½	33
Series		May	Jul	Oct	May	Jul	Oct
Royal Ins	280	23	30½	34½	2	6½	11
(*299½)	300	9½	18½	23	8½	14½	20
Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Fisons	160	16½	23	27½	4½	8	10
(*173½)	180	6½	13	18	14½	18	20
Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastern Gp	600	32½	49½	62½	6½	28	30
(*622½)	650	8	24½	39½	31½	56	63½
Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	420	31	35½	43½	8	12½	15½
(*444)	460	7½	15½	24	31	34½	36½
Scot Pwr	330	17½	24	30½	8½	18½	19½
(*336½)	360	5	10	17	26½	36½	37

April 18, 1995 Tot: 22194 Call: 9426 Put: 12768 FT-SE Call: 4188 Put: 3763

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Jun 95	3227.0	3227.0	3210.0	3218.5	5098
Previous open interest: 72679	Sep 95	3241.0	3241.0	3241.0	3242.5	2
FT-SE 250	Jun 95	3511.0	3515.0	3511.0	3510.0	102
Previous open interest: 4407	Sep 95					0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 95	92.94	92.97	92.94	92.96	11145
Previous open interest: 392449	Sep 95	92.50	92.54	92.50	92.52	9870
	Dec 95	92.17	92.21	92.17	92.18	4521
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 95				93.73	0
Previous open interest: 1149	Sep 95				93.63	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 95	95.30	95.36	95.29	95.34	17582
Previous open interest: 691566	Sep 95	95.10	95.17	95.10	95.17	28948
Long Gilt	Jun 95	104-09	104-15	104-06	104-08	24082
Previous open interest: 88145	Sep 95				103-29	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 95	117.38	117.62	117.30	117.53	2864
	Sep 95				116.59	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 95	92.58	92.89	92.52	92.82	71001
Previous open interest: 185226	Sep 95	92.10	92.15	92.10	92.26	86
Three month ECU	Jun 95	93.62	93.64	93.58	93.58	1717
Previous open interest: 19235	Sep 95	93.47	93.49	93.44	93.45	473
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 95	96.46	96.50	96.46	96.50	2023
Previous open interest: 39258	Sep 95	96.36	96.41	96.36	96.40	1314
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 95	94.30	94.30	93.25	93.30	23720
Previous open interest: 42172	Sep 95				92.65	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 4½ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⁹⁄₁₆; 3 mth 6⅝. Sell: 2 mth 6½; 3 mth 6⁹⁄₁₆.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6¹⁄₃₂-5³¹⁄₃₂	6¼-6³⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₃₂-6¹¹⁄₃₂	6¹³⁄₁₆-6¹¹⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	6¹⁄₁₆-6¹⁄₁₆	6⁵⁄₁₆-6³⁄₁₆	6½-6⁷⁄₁₆	6³¹⁄₃₂-6²⁹⁄₃₂	7⁹⁄₁₆-7⁷⁄₁₆
Interbank:	6³⁄₁₆-6¹⁄₁₆	6⁵⁄₁₆-6³⁄₁₆	6⁹⁄₁₆-6⁷⁄₁₆	6³¹⁄₃₂-6²⁹⁄₃₂	7⁹⁄₁₆-7⁷⁄₁₆

Overnight: open 6 close 4½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6⅛	n/a	6½	6⅞	7½
Sterling CDs:	6¹⁄₁₆-6¹⁄₁₆	6¼-6⅛	6⁹⁄₁₆-6½	6¹³⁄₁₆-6²⁹⁄₃₂	7½-7⅜
Dollar CDs:	6.00	n/a	6.12	6.25	6.44
Building Society CDs:	6¹⁄₁₆-6¼	6¹⁄₁₆-6⁵⁄₁₆	6⁹⁄₁₆-6⁵⁄₁₆	6³¹⁄₃₂-6²⁹⁄₃₂	7⁹⁄₁₆-7⁷⁄₁₆

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87%. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V. 6.624 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5½	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6¼-6	6⅜-6¼	5¾-4¾
Deutschemark:	4⅞-4¾	4⅞-4¾	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4¹³⁄₁₆	4⅞-4⅞	5-4
French Franc:	7⅞-7⅝	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⁹⁄₁₆	7⅞-7⅝	7¼-7	8¼-6½
Swiss Franc:	3⅝-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅝-3⅜	3⁹⁄₁₆-3⁵⁄₁₆	3⅜-2⅞
Yen:	1⅝-1¼	1½-1¼	1½-1⅜	1½-1⅜	1¼-¾

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $393.00-393.40 Close: $393.30-393.80 High: $394.05-394.55
Low: $392.20-392.70 AM: $394.10 PM: $392.85

Krugerrand: $394.00-396.00 (£244.00-246.00)

Platinum: $454.90 (£281.25) Silver: $5.64 (£3.495) Palladium: $173.50 (£107.45)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for April 18	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4648-2.4770	2.4648-2.4680	¼-1⅛ds	1¼-1pr
Brussels	45.26-45.53	45.26-45.36	7-3pr	18-13pr
Copenhagen	8.6610-8.7120	8.6610-8.6760	¾-1⅛ds	¾-1¼ds
Dublin	0.9735-0.9765	0.9738-0.9763	1-3ds	par-4ds
Frankfurt	2.2010-2.2125	2.2010-2.2041	¼-⅛pr	1⅛-1pr
Lisbon	232.54-233.71	232.54-233.18	91-82pr	219-242ds
Madrid	197.43-198.29	197.47-197.76	46-58ds	135-157ds
Milan	2744.00-2757.50	2744.00-2753.90	9-11ds	27-30ds
Montreal	2.2081-2.2181	2.2081-2.2112	0.26-0.36ds	0.47-0.62ds
New York	1.6132-1.6204	1.6132-1.6142	0.03-0.01pr	0.15-0.11pr
Oslo	9.8980-9.9390	9.8980-9.9130	1⅛-⅛pr	4⅛-2⅝pr
Paris	7.7460-7.7890	7.7500-7.7640	1-1¼ds	2-2¾ds
Stockholm	11.7450-11.7940	11.7490-11.7730	2-2¾ds	5⅞-7ds
Tokyo	131.10-131.82	131.10-131.35	1⅛-⅞pr	1⅞-1⅝pr
Vienna	15.51-15.59	15.51-15.55	2½-2pr	7⅛-6⅛pr
Zurich	1.8172-1.9234	1.8172-1.8201	1⅛-⅞pr	1⅞-1⅝pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia 1.3462-1.3471
Austria 9.60-9.61
Belgium (Com) 28.08-28.09
Canada 1.3690-1.3695
Denmark 5.3780-5.3830
France 4.8100-4.8120
Germany 1.3660-1.3665
Hong Kong 7.7310-7.7315
Ireland 1.6541-1.6576
Italy 1700.00-1702.00
Japan 81.40-81.50
Malaysia 2.4675-2.4685
Netherlands 1.5300-1.5320
Norway 6.1470-6.1520
Portugal 144.42-144.52
Singapore 1.3933-1.3943
Spain 122.62-122.72
Sweden 7.2775-7.2850
Switzerland 1.1270-1.1280

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso* 1.6138-1.6165
Australia dollar 2.1722-2.1750
Bahrain dinar 0.6035-0.6155
Brazil real* 1.4637-1.4679
China yuan .... 13.10 Buy
Cyprus pound 0.6985-0.7085
Finland markka 6.7775-6.8935
Greece drachma 356.25-363.25
Hong Kong dollar 12.4755-12.4841
India rupee 50.30-51.26
Indonesia rupiah 3567.00-3635.60
Kuwait dinar KD 0.464-0.474
Malaysia ringgit 3.9818-3.9859
New Zealand dollar 2.3967-2.4007
Pakistan rupee .... 49.32 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal 5.0025-5.1285
Singapore dollar 2.2484-2.2514
S Africa rand (com) 5.7932-5.7993
U A E dirham 5.8775-6.0015
*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	189	Legal & Gn	524
ASDA Gp	9,000	Lloyds Bk	3,300
Abbey Natl	1,800	MEPC	41
Alld Dom	755	Marks Spr	1,600
Argyll Gp	831	NatWst Bk	4,500
Arjo Wiggn	346	Nat Power	1,900
AB Foods	422	Nth Wst W	374
BAA	606	P & O	891
BAT Inds	2,200	Pearson	525
BOC	133	PowerGen	2,100
BP	5,000	Prudential	1,200
BTR	3,000	RMC	102
BT	4,300	RTZ	731
Bk of Scot	1,000	Rank Org	1,400
Barclays	4,000	Reckitt Col	170
Bass	1,800	Redland	448
Blue Circle	351	Reed Intl	309
Boots	381	Rentokil	3,400
Bowater	195	Reuters	1,500
Brit Aero	541	Rolls Royce	1,900
Brit Airwys	2,700	Ryl Ins	993
Brit Gas	3,400	Ryl Bk Scot	484
Brit Steel	6,400	Sainsbury	2,200
Burmah Csl	64	Schroders	192
Cable Wire	1,700	Scot & New	141
Cadbury	1,400	Scot Power	445
Caradon	447	Sears	491
Carlton Cms	218	Svrn Trent	111
Cm Union	220	Shell Trans	1,700
Courtaulds	311	Siebe	272
De La Rue	224	SmKl Bch	1,800
Eastern Elec	1,300	Smith Nph	1,800
Enterpr Oil	304	Sthern Elec	443
Forte	1,500	Std Chartd	330
GKN	1,100	Sun Allnce	2,200
GRE	1,500	TI Gp	76
GUS	474	TSB	1,800
Gen Acc	511	Tate & Lyle	98
Gen Elec	3,500	Tesco	3,700
Glaxo	3,300	Thames W	732
Granada	514	Thrn EMI	725
Grand Met	3,700	Tomkins	1,100
Guinness	1,300	Unilever	1,500
HSBC	1,100	Utd Bisc	671
Hanson	4,800	Vodafone	4,300
ICI	428	Warburg	705
Inchcape	1,500	Whitbread	912
Kingfisher	811	Wilms Hld	950
Ladbroke	3,100	Wolseley	500
Land Secs	591	Zeneca	1,200

	Apr 18 midday	Apr 17 close
AMP Inc	38¾	39
AMR Corp	67¼	67¼
AT & T	50½	50½
Abbott Labs	38	38
Advanced Micro	33¼	33½
Aetna Life	58	57¾
Ahmanson (HF)	20	20
Air Prod & Chem	51¼	51½
Albertson's	31¼	31¼
Alcan Aluminum	27¾	27¼
Alco Standard	69¾	70¼
Allied Signal	40¼	40½
Alum Co of Am	43¾	43½
Amax Gold Inc	5¾	5¾
Amerada Hess	49¼	50¼
Amer Brands	38¾	38¾
Amer El Power	31¾	31¾
Amer Express	34¾	34½
Amer Genl Corp	31¾	31¾
Amer Home Pr	78¾	78
Amer Intl	104¾	104¼
Amer Stores	24¾	24¾
Ameritech	43¼	43¼
Amoco	61¼	61½
Anheuser-Busch	57¼	57¼
Apple Computer	38	38¾
Archer Daniels	18¾	18¾
Armco	7	6¾
Armstrng Wrld	44	45¼
Asarco	27	27
Ashland Oil	34¾	34¼
Atl Richfield	114¾	114¾
Auto Data Pro	63¼	64
Avery Dennison	39	39
Avon Products	62	61¾
Baker Hughes	20¾	20¾
Baltim Gas & El	23¼	23¾
Banc One	30¾	30¾
BankAmerica	48¾	48¾
Bank of NY	32¾	32¾
Bankers Tr NY	53	52¾
Barnett Banks	46¼	45¾
Bausch & Lomb	37¼	37
Baxter Intl	34¾	34¾
Bectn Dickinsn	57¾	57¾
Bell Atlantic	52¾	53¼
Bell Industries	22¾	22
BellSouth	60½	60¾
Black & Decker	29¾	29¾
Block (H&R)	44¾	44¾
Boeing	54¾	55¾
Boise Cascade	30¾	32¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	63¾	63¾
Browning Ferris	33¾	33¾
Brunswick	21	20¾
Burlington Nthn	60¾	61
CBS	62¾	62¾
CNA Financial	74¾	74¾
CPC Intl	56¾	55¾
CSX	80¾	80¾
Campbell Soup	48¾	49
Can Pacific	15¾	15¾
Cptl Cities ABC	86¾	86¾
Carolina Pwr	28¾	29¾
Caterpillar	56¾	56¾
Central & SW	24¾	24¾
Champion Intl	40¾	41
Chase Manhat	44¾	42¾
Chemical Bk	40¾	40¾
Chevron Corp	45	44¾
Chrysler	47¾	48¾
Chubb Corp	78¾	78¾
Cigna Corp	72¾	72¾
Citicorp	47¾	47¾
Clorox	59¾	58¾
Coastal Corp	28¾	28¾
Coca Cola	57¾	57¾
Colgate-Palmolive	69	67¾
Columbia Gas	31¾	31
Compaq Comp	34	34
Comp Ass Intl	57¾	58¾
Conagra	33¾	33¾
Conrail	53¾	52¾
Cons Edison	27¾	27¾
Cons Nat Gas	38¾	38¾
Cooper Inds	39¾	39¾
Corning Inc	36¾	36¾
Crown Cork	41	41¾
Dana Corp	25¾	24¾
Dayton Hudson	66¾	66¾
Deere	81¾	81¾
Delta Air Lines	62¾	62
Deluxe Corp	30¾	30¾
Detroit Edison	27¾	27¾
Digital Equip	45¾	46¾
Dillard Dept St	26	26¾
Disney (Walt)	54¾	54¾
Dominion Res	36	36
Donnelley (RR)	34¾	34¾
Dover Corp	63¾	64¾
Dow Chemical	69¾	70¾
Dow Jones	35¾	35¾
Dresser	20¾	21¾
Duke Power	39	39
Dun & Brdstreet	53	53¾
Du Pont	62	62¾
Eastman Kodak	52¾	52¾
Eaton Corp	55¾	55¾
Emerson Elec	64¾	65¾
Engelhard Corp	37¾	38
Enron Corp	33¾	33¾
Entergy	21¾	21¾
Ethyl Corp	11	11¾
Exxon	67¾	67¾
FMC Corp	59¾	59¾
FPL Group	36¾	36¾
Federal Express	68¾	68¾
Fed Nat Mtge	86	86
First Chicago	53¾	53
First Interstate	79¾	80¼
First Union Rty	7¾	7¾
Fleet Finl Grp	32¾	32¾
Fluor Corp	48¾	48¾
Ford Motor	27	27
GTE Corp	34¾	34¾
Gannett	52¾	52
Gap Inc Del	32¾	32
Gen Dynamics	46¾	47¾
Gen Electric	54	53¾
Gen Mills	60¾	60¾
Gen Motors	43¾	43¾
Gen Reinsurance	132	132
Gen Signal	35¾	35¾
Genuine Parts	39¾	39¾
Georgia Pac	77¾	76¾
Gillette	83¾	83
Glaxo ADR	22¾	22¾
Goodrich (BF)	45¾	46
Goodyear Tire	37¾	37¾
Grace (W&R)	52	52¾
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25¾	25
Great Wstn Fin	20¾	20¾
Halliburton	37¾	37¾
Harcourt General	38¾	38¾
Heinz (HJ)	41¾	41¾
Hercules	47¾	47¾
Hershey Foods	53¾	53¾
Hewlett Packard	65¾	65
Hilton Hotels	76	76¾
Home Depot	42¾	43¾
Homestake Mng	18¾	18¾
Honeywell	38¾	37¾
Household Intl	45¾	45¾
Houston Inds	39¾	39¾
Humana	24¾	25¾
ITT Corp	103¾	102¾
Illinois Tool	47	46¾
Illinova	23	23
INCO	27¾	27¾
Ingersoll Rand	34¾	34¾
Inland Steel	26¾	26¾
Intel Corp	94¾	94
IBM	87¾	87¾
Intl Flav & Fr	50¾	50¾
Intl Paper	72¾	73¾
James River Va	26¾	26¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	62¾	60¾
Kellogg	59	59¾
Kerr-McGee	49¾	49¾
Kimberly-Clark	50¾	50¾
Kmart	14¾	14¾
Knight-Ridder	56¾	56¾
Lilly (Eli)	76¾	77¾
Limited Inc	21¾	21¾
LIN Brdcstng	124¾	123¾
Lincoln Nat	40¾	40¾
Litton	35¾	35¾
Liz Claiborne	19	19
Lockheed Martin	55	54¾
Louisiana Pac	25¾	26¾
MCI Comm	21¾	21¾
Marriott Int	34¾	34¾
Marsh & McLnn	82¾	81¾
Masco Corp	26	25¾
May Dept St	35¾	35¾
Maytag Corp	17¾	17¾
McDonalds	34¾	34¾
McDonnell D	56¾	57¾
McGraw Hill	72¾	72¾
Mead Corp	50¾	50¾
Medtronic	74¾	75¾
Mellon Bk	40¾	40¾
Melville Corp	35¾	35¾
Merck Inc	43¾	43¾
Merrill Lynch	44¾	43¾
Minnesota Mine	58¾	58
Mobil Corp	90¾	89¾
Monsanto	82¾	81¾
Morgan (JP)	65	65¾
Motorola Inc	53¾	53
Natl Semi	18¾	18¾
Natl Service Ind	27¾	27¾
Navistar Int	13¾	13¾
NBD Bancorp	31¾	31¾
NY Times A	22¾	23¾
Newmont Mng	43¾	43¾
Niag Mohawk	14	13¾
Nike B	74¾	73¾
NL Industries	13¾	12¾
Noram Energy	5¾	5¾
Nordstrom	40¾	40
Norfolk Sthrn	65¾	65¾
Nthn State Pwr	43¾	43¾
Norwest Corp	26	25¾
Nynex Corp	39¾	39¾
Occidental Pet	22¾	22¾
Ohio Edison	20	20
Oracle Systems	31	31¾
Oryx Energy Co	12¾	12¾
Owens Corning	35¾	35
PPG Industries	36¾	37
PNC Bank	24¾	24¾
Paccar Inc	43	43¾
Pacificorp	18¾	18¾
Pac Enterprises	24	23¾
Pac Gas & Elect	25¾	25¾
Pac Telesis	30¾	29¾
Pall Corp	22¾	22¾
Panhandle East	23¾	23¾
Parker Hannifin	51	49¾
Peco Energy	25¾	25¾
Penney (JC)	42¾	42¾
Pennzoil	48¾	48¾
Pepsico	40¾	40¾
Pfizer	88¾	89
Phelps Dodge	56¾	56¾
Philip Morris	67¾	67¾
Phillips Pet	34¾	34¾
Pitney Bowes	36¾	36¾
Polaroid	34¾	34¾
PriceCostco	14¾	14¾
Procter & Gmbl	67¾	66¾
Providian	34¾	34¾
Pub Serv E & G	27¾	26¾
Quaker Oats	34¾	34¾
Ralston Purina	47¾	48
Raychem Corp	40¾	40¾
Raytheon	70¾	71
Reebok Intl	36¾	36¾
Reynolds Metals	49¾	50¾
Roadway Srvcs	46¾	46¾
Rockwell Intl	41¾	41¾
Rohm & Haas	58¾	59¾
Royal Dutch	120¾	120¾
Rubbermaid	30¾	32¾
Safeco Corp	56¾	55¾
St Paul's Cos	50¾	50¾
Salomon Inc	34¾	34¾
Santa Fe Pac	23¾	12¾
Sara Lee Corp	27¾	27¾
Scecorp	16¾	16¾
Schering Plough	79¾	79¾
Schlumberger	58¾	58¾
Scott Paper	84¾	85
Seagram	27¾	27¾
Sears Roebuck	51¾	52
Shell Trans	69¾	69¾
Sherwin Wlms	34¾	34¾
Skyline Corp	17¾	17¾
Snap-On-Tools	35¾	36
Southern Co	20¾	20¾
Swestern Bell	43¾	43¾
Sprint Corp	31¾	31¾
Stanley Works	41¾	41¾
Sun Company	28	28
Sun Microsys	37¾	36¾
Suntrust	54¾	54
Supervalu	26¾	26¾
Sysco Corp	27¾	27¾
TRW Inc	71¾	72¾
TCC Inds	2	2
Tandem Comp	12¾	12¾
Tandy Corp	49¾	49¾
Teledyne	25	25¾
Temple Inland	42¾	43¾
Tenet Healthcare	16¾	16¾
Tenneco	46¾	46¾
Texaco	65¾	65¾
Texas Inst	92¾	92
Texas Utilities	32¾	32
Textron	57	58¾
Time Warner	36¾	36¾
Times-Mirror A	18¾	18¾
Timken	38¾	37¾
Torchmark	41	41
Toys R Us	26	25¾
Transamerica	55¾	55¾
Travelers	39¾	40
Tribune	56¾	56¾
Tyco Labs	52¾	52¾
UST Inc	28¾	28¾
UAL	112	113¾
USX Marathon	17¾	17¾
Unicom	25¾	25¾
Unilever NY	132¾	131¾
Union Camp	48¾	50¾
Union Carbide	29¾	29¾
Union Pacific	54¾	54¾
Unisys Corp	10¾	10¾
USAIR Group	5¾	5¾
USF&G Corp	14¾	14¾
US Life	38	37¾
US West	41¾	41¾
United Tech	70¾	70¾
Unocal Corp	28¾	28¾
Upjohn	36¾	36¾
VF Corp	51¾	51¾
WMX Tech	27¾	27¾
Wal-Mart Stores	25¾	25¾
Warner-Lambert	81¾	82
Wells Fargo	162¾	160¾
Westinghouse El	15¾	15¾
Weyerhaeuser	38¾	38¾
Whirlpool	54¾	54¾
Whitman	18	18¾
Winn Dixie	56	55¾
Woolworth	15¾	16
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	45¾	45¾
Xerox	117¾	118¾
Yellow Corp	17¾	17¾

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Steely cut for Middlesbrough

BRITISH Steel is pulling out of its sponsorship deal with Middlesbrough Football Club, currently leaders of the Endsleigh Insurance League Division One, for the best of patriotic reasons. The Teesside club has used not British, but German, steel to build its new stadium. Taylor Woodrow, the football club's sponsor for the £16 million stadium at Middlehaven Docks, has used only 200 tons of British Steel, but 1,800 tons from abroad, mostly German. British Steel, a big employer on Teesside, has already removed advertising hoardings from the club's ground at Ayresome Park. "This is not sour grapes," British Steel says, "but what is the point of putting our name up around the perimeter if our company is being ignored? We're extremely sad to have had to make this decision, but when we make the best steel in Europe just down the road and they use German steel, how can we continue to support the club? It's a matter of principle." A club spokeswoman says: "The decision where to buy the steel was entirely Taylor Woodrow's."

Ad infinitum?

NICHOLAS BAKER, of Camper & Nicholsons, the yacht broker, has received a letter from Barclays which tells him that an interest rate of 20.75 per cent will apply on amounts of between 0.01 cents and $9,999,999,999,999.99 on his US dollar account. His query is: "What happens if I want to borrow more than that?"

Flying solo

NICKY OPPENHEIMER, son of the doyen of mining chiefs, Harry Oppenheimer, is beginning to feel lonely in the London skies. He is a qualified helicopter pilot, who often hops from country home to City office during the summer, but is now on his own in holding permission to land on the roof of De Beers in the City. "Robert Maxwell also had permission to land in the City, and when he was alive, and landing on the Mirror building, I could at least blame him if anybody complained about the noise," Nicky says. "But it is still the only way to travel — especially when I look down at London's traffic jams." Meanwhile, Harry Oppenheimer, is wondering if he can claim mention in the *Guinness Book of Records*. "In January, my father had his appendix out, and at the grand age of 86 he is wondering if he is the oldest appendix case on record," Nicky ponders.

IF YOU want the public to know who you are, go down The Drain, which carries 10.94 million people each year. The Travolator, the metal strip connecting the concourse at Bank station to the platforms from which "The Drain" departs for Waterloo, boasts 160 advertising panels that British Transport Advertising signs out at £10,000 a month, invariably to a single client. BTA has just signed up Prebone Yomane, the money brokers .. Who?

COLIN CAMPBELL

Who will put up cash for rail link to the Tunnel?

Patricia Tehan examines the difficulties of obtaining private funding to build the crucial railway line

Financing a project as complex as the Channel Tunnel rail link is difficult enough without the added complication of being inextricably linked in the minds of investors to the disaster that goes by the name of Eurotunnel.

Historically, governments have financed transport projects because the private sector could not find a way to do so and still make a profit. Eurotunnel's lurch from one refinancing to the next serves to illustrate the point.

Yet the four consortia bidding to build the Channel Tunnel rail link claim to have learnt lessons from Eurotunnel's experiences, and ooze confidence in their ability to put funding in place and build the link to agreed time and cost. They submitted their bids to the Department of Transport last month.

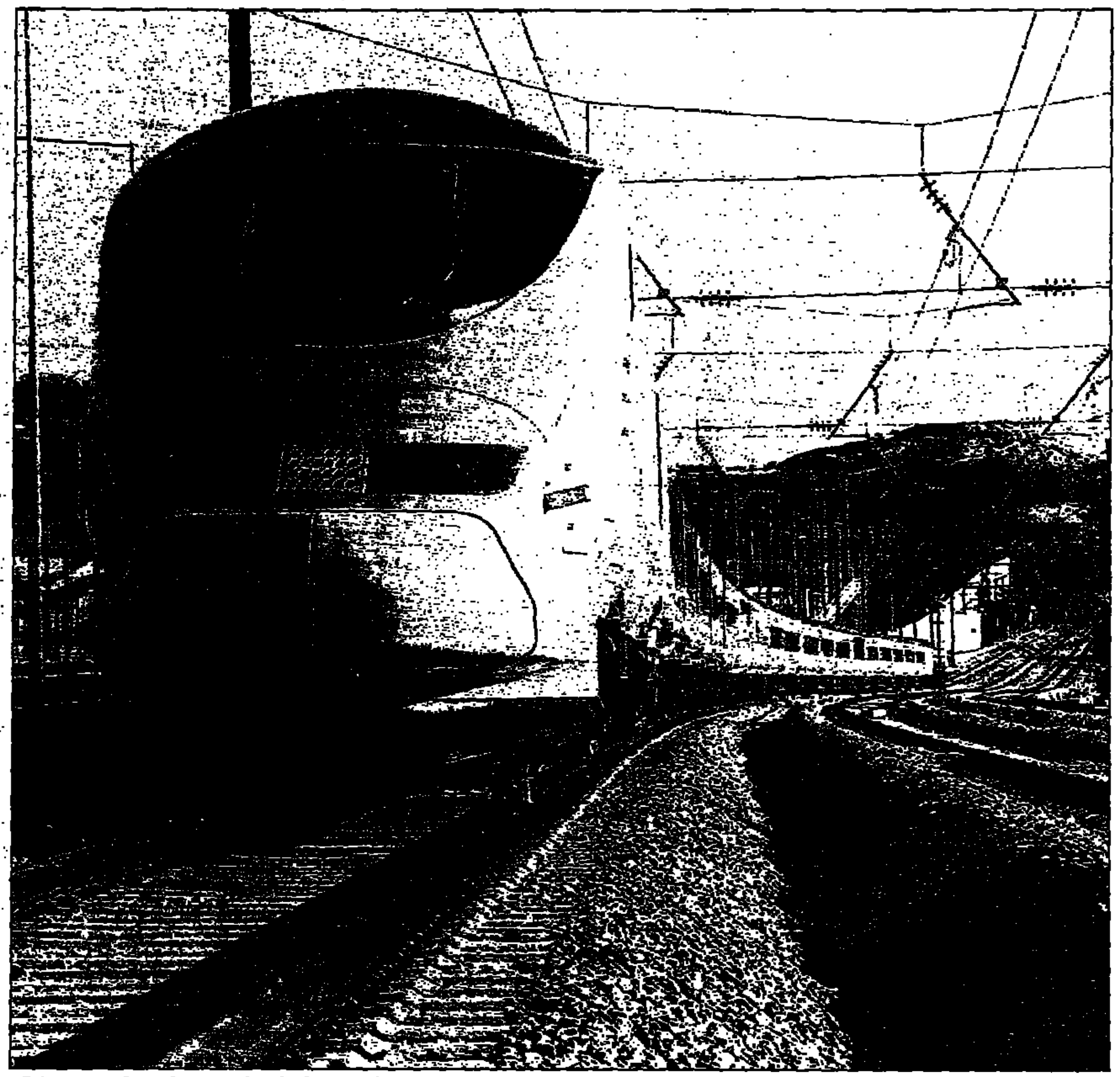
They must now persuade the Government, the world banking community and institutional shareholders that they can avoid the difficulties that have plagued the operator of the Channel Tunnel.

The consortia are at great pains to emphasise the differences between the two projects. The rail link will be producing revenues from day one, since the successful bidder will take over European Passenger Services (EPS) which owns the already-running Eurostar trains. There will also be a government grant. Technically the project is not as complicated as building the Tunnel: although a third of the route will be in tunnels, these will be in various slices. All four bidders are confident that they can be certain about the costs.

With near perfect timing, bang in the middle of the bidding process, Eurotunnel last week delivered an unkind reminder of the perils ahead. Chairman Sir Alastair Morton told its 722,000 shareholders that this autumn it would again have to renegotiate its financing, and that it was "at risk" of being overwhelmed by its £8 billion debts.

The Channel Tunnel rail link is the largest-ever UK private finance initiative. Estimates put the cost of building the link at around £3 billion over the next seven years. The DoT and its adviser Hill Samuel has spent the last five weeks studying the four rail link bids and there will be much tweaking between now and next month when a shortlist of two will be announced. The overall winner will be decided by November.

All four bids contain mixes of bank debt, equity and government subsidy. In their proposals they must not only persuade the Government they can build the link and operate the Eurostar passenger trains profitably. The winner must also show that it can put the financing in place to see the project through to completion in 2002.


Money maker: the winning bidder will take over the existing Eurostar passenger service from Waterloo International

The four bidders are keeping their financing plans a closely guarded secret. This is partly because they are bound by a DoT confidentiality clause, and partly because they do not want the competition to know what sort of assumptions they are making about the level of government subsidy, stock market conditions in 1997, cost of construcion, revenue forecasts, inflation and interest rates, required rates of return and banking cover ratios.

The two favourites, London & Continental and Eurorail, are thought to be approaching financing in completely opposite ways. At the most basic level, L&C is planning a huge stock market flotation to raise funds, while Eurorail is seeking to finance the project primarily through bank debt, with a smaller placing of shares with institutions.

The issue of government subsidy is key to the bids. At the end of the process, the consortium requesting the lowest level of public subsidy will stand the best chance of success. Estimates put the level of subsidy at up to half the total cost, with a cash grant of between £500 million and £1 billion depending on how the assets being transferred to the victor are valued.

The subsidy takes two forms, state assets and direct financial support. Shortly after the signing of agreements, the preferred bidder will take over EPS, the DoT company that operates Eurostar trains through the Channel Tunnel in partnership with French and Belgian railways. It will also take over Waterloo International, St Pancras, the site for the new terminal; and hundreds of acres of development land at Kings Cross and Stratford, East London. Financial support will also be made in the form of a grant to fund construction costs.

Rail operators in Kent will provide an additional flow of funds for the use of the rail link track by commuter train operators, known as the domestic access charge.

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There are four basic phases to projects: conception, development, build and operation. The first phase, project conception, is over. The development phase will begin in November when the preferred bidder is selected.

This phase will take two years, before Royal Assent is obtained, during which time the developer will have to find 10 per cent of the cost of the project — some £300 million — to pay for such things as design studies, putting financing in place and land surveys.

The sources of funding for this, the riskiest of the four phases, are limited, and the consortia are approaching it in much the same way.

The two favourites plan to finance much of the development phase themselves. In Eurorail's case Trafalgar House, NatWest, BICC, HSBC and Seeboard will fund the development from existing resources, cashflow from EPS and bank debt from ABN Amro, Banque Indosuez, Bayerische Landesbank, CIBC, Commerzbank, Industrial Bank of Japan, Mitsubishi Bank, Royal Bank of Scotland, Société Générale, Swiss Bank Corp and Kredietbank. For L&C, funds will be put up by Arup, Bechtel, Virgin, Halcrow, National Express and SG Warburg, drawing on substantial amounts of bank finance from Citbank, UBS and Rabobank.

During this phase, additional funds are likely from the European Investment Bank and the European Investment Fund — and from venture capital sources.

The bidders have exclusivity arrangements with their banks now. But these will lapse when one the preferred bidder is selected. Somewhere between March and September 1997 the third phase of the project — construction — will begin and full funding will be required.

This is where the bids put forward by L&C and the other bidders head off in opposite directions. L&C believes it can persuade public and institutional investors to buy into the concept. If market conditions are right it plans to raise between a quarter and a third of its funding costs with a major stock market flotation. The rest will come in the form of bank debt, European funds and government subsidy.

Eurorail, by contrast, plans to raise 80 per cent of its private financing in the form of bank debt, with a small institutional equity placing and government grants making up the balance. It does not believe there is any prospect of persuading members of the public to buy into a public share offer given the problems suffered by Eurotunnel. Union Link and Green Arrow are also seeking greater levels of debt than of equity.

The differences in the bids highlights the starkly differing views between the bidders over the risks involved and level of gearing required. Whoever wins, the Channel Tunnel rail link is going to push the limits of what is feasible in the debt, equity and European finance markets.

ANTHONY HARRIS

Commodities: the dog and the tail

One of the hardest problems in economics is to be sure you know cause from effect, the dog from the tail; or, in the trade's jargon, that you can identify the direction of causation. Perhaps that is why almost self-evident nonsense is accepted as plain common sense.

The prime example at the moment is the widespread reported fear that rising commodity prices will ignite inflation. Yet raw commodities account for only 2 per cent of expenditure: they have to rise by half to add just one point to final prices. A tail, not a dog, if ever there was one. So what, you may ask, does that matter? If commodity prices were simply an effect, not a cause of inflation, it wouldn't; but that is not the case. What matters if you are growing cotton or making woodpulp is not the general price level, but the volume sold. As it nears supply capacity, up goes the price.

This leads to a paradox: as an American commodity investor Michael Aronstein argued at the Grant's investment conference in New York recently, low general inflation has helped to drive commodity prices up. Low inflation translates into unexpectedly high real incomes — especially in terms of the goods money can buy, since service prices have not been so soft. So the causation runs: low goods prices, higher purchasing power, more volume sold, and so higher commodity prices. QED: but don't run away with another false conclusion. If the world economy slows, as it appears to be doing, commodity prices will ease.

The closest link between prices and expected activity is in metals. As UBS shows in a briefing this week, the metal price index tracks the long bond yield almost uncannily. This could be because vehicle demand is a volatile indicator of general strength; but the relationship with bonds suggests the metal market is becoming more like the financial asset market than a plain commodity market. UBS argues that the major boost to metals came from the same cause as the emerging markets boom: excess liquidity.

Does this suggest that commodities are about to go the way of emerging markets? Up to a point, but no further. Speculators hold physical stocks as well as buying futures: the figures from the London Metal Exchange show an explosion in stockholding in copper, nickel and aluminium in 1994, with volume rising more than tenfold. But holders have been cashing in, except in nickel, and stocks are now only about double their pre-boom level. This suggests good management, and a soft landing as prices normalise. Prices will tend to ease, but not collapse. Indeed, they are already low if you express them in yen.

Stocks also play a major role in the outlook for some soft commodities; but it tends to be a stabilising role. That at least is the aim of bodies like the International Cocoa Organisation, which aim for stable conditions. However, history shows that such producer bodies are more successful at preventing famines than checking price slumps. This is not, therefore, a field to be recommended to the tiro commodity speculator. Nor is oil: outsiders who try to outguess the oil majors are poor life insurance risks.

Absence of stocks, by contrast, is encouraging. Nowhere are they more absent than in woodpulp and the paper products made from it. The reason is simply that capacity is in the short term fixed: the industry depends on expensive plant, and in the years of starvation prices much was retired and none was built. The shortages are therefore likely to prove quite obstinate; and the industry should be making abnormal profits for some time.

Finally, the oldest commodity story of all: gold. Historically, a lousy investment; but even a dog must have its day. Will some of the central banks now buying yen for a negligible yield notice that in yen terms, gold has not for a quarter of a century been cheaper?

Sarah Bagnall on a changing drugs industry

Taking the merger medicine

Positioning is everything in the brave new world of pharmaceuticals. Fisons' decision to hold takeover talks with Medeva, its smaller rival, is based on fears that it may be sidelined in an industry where the pace of change is growing ever faster.

Every part of the healthcare chain is in turmoil — all the way from financing to dispensing of drugs. More than £30 billion has been spent on takeovers in the last 18 months as drug companies around the world scurry to secure their place in the market.

The highly fragmented industry is consolidating. Witness Glaxo's £9.4 billion takeover of Wellcome this year, which, while forming the world's biggest drugs group, has a market share of less than 4 per cent.

The drivers of change are governments, insurers and companies that have turned their attention to drugs bills in a bid to cut costs. As a result, they are demanding greater value for money. Simultaneously, drugs companies have been hit by changes in buying patterns.

The rise of the pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) caught many companies off guard. The PBMs act as intermediaries, negotiating with the drugs companies on behalf of their customers, which tend to be big employers and insurance companies.

The day of the discount drug has dawned

Their sheer size in the market gives them significant buying power, so they can negotiate big discounts from drug manufacturers.

They also operate a restricted list that limits the amount of medicines that medical practioners can prescribe. Drugs win their way on to the lists only if they fulfil a strict cost-benefit analysis.

The resulting pressures placed on drug companies have triggered different responses within the industry. There tends to be a shared view of the future.

You cannot be a bit player in the market. If you are, you will die. Critical mass is vital for those who want to thrive and, as a result, the drive to build market share becomes paramount. For companies such as Fisons and Medeva there is no hope of competing on the grand scale. Instead, they must carve out niches.

Stuart Wallis, chief executive of Fisons, knows as much. On joining the drugs group, he visited every pharmaceutical company that would let him. To each he posed the same questions: how do you see the market evolving and where do you think Fisons fits into the industry of the future?

This led to a radical restructuring of the group that left it looking like the Medeva of five years ago. Both companies now have a similar strategy — acquiring drugs in the late stage of development or licencing in medicines.

The specialisation has proved worthwhile for Medeva and the opportunities for acquiring a further string of products are good. As drugs giants such as Glaxo Wellcome are forced to cut costs and concentrate on the bigger revenue products, a stream of products with turnover levels of between £25 million and £75 million will emerge for Fisons and Medeva to buy. Whether they do that together or separately is yet to be seen.

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Fastrack Cap Gth	132.01	138.62		
Fastrack Intl	143.63	150.82		
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Global Income	205.10	218.20	- 0.60	4.14
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Smllr Cos Div	49.41	52.56	- 0.03	3.19

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Income #	985.00	979.70	.	4.69
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Maldon General	135.80	139.60		4.31
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Dealings: 01438 747 414				
Growth Units	195.10	209.70	.	2.36
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European	150.30	159.50	- 0.30	0.38
(Accum Units)	197.40	210.00	+ 0.40	0.38
General	270.60	287.90	- 1.20	3.15
Global Extn Inc	99.52	106.22	- 0.30	1.13
Japan	433.30	433.70	+ 0.40	
Japanese Special	214.30	228.60†	- 2.30	
Master Accum	229.60	244.30	- 0.20	0.58
Pacific	314.20	332.10	- 1.10	
(Accum Units)	366.10	389.50	- 1.20	
Smaller Cos	122.40	116.00	- 0.19	0.63

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
North American	188.20	200.80	+ 4.80	0.41
Far East	253.70	271.30	- 2.80	1.37
UK Smaller Cos	167.80	179.50	+ 0.30	1.93
European	79.06	84.07	+ 0.44	0.36
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255	230	Allied Irish	288	+ 2	4.7	8.5
233	198	Aus New Z	231	...	6.0	8.4
3158½	2537¼	Bank America	3000	— 81¼	...	...
230	191½	Bank Scotland	228	— 2½	3.0	12.4
685	557½	Barclays†	640	— 8	4.0	7.0
335	288	Bk of Ireland	335	+ 3	4.3	9.7
473	418	Cater Allen	473	...	7.5	9.6
2825	2480	Citicorp	2925	+ 81¼	...	...
262	219	Close Brost	261	...	3.8	11.8
£150⅝	£120¼	Commerzbk	£145¾	+ 3¾	3.7	...
1275	995	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1228½	+ 6¼	0.5	...
£317⅝	£285	Deutsche Bk	£301¼	+ 5⅜	2.5	...
865¼	612½	Espirito Santo	650	— 3¼	12.4	-
1485	1192¼	Fuji Bank Y	1407	+ 23¼	0.5	...
490	395	Gerrard Nat	417	...	7.2	12.0
253	185	Hambros	206	...	9.0	12.6
750½	589	HSBC†	748	— 6½	4.5	9.4
749	578	HSBC HK†	732	— 9½	4.8	9.2
408	353	Joseph (L)	385	...	8.0	10.8
108	88	King Shaxson	88	— ...	12.6	8.8
663	529	Kleinwort Bent	643	— 1	4.2	11.5
641	530	Lloyds†	623	— 2	5.2	10.5
552	479	Nat Aust Bk	552	...	6.2	9.5
556	454	Nat West†	551	— 1	4.8	8.5
2400	2150	Ottoman Bank	2375	...	6.8	9.9
67	54	Rea Brost	56	— 1	2.3	-
429	372½	Royal Bk Scot	422	— 2	4.1	12.1
1629	1380	Schroders†	1628	...	1.8	15.5
1445	1235	Schroders NV†	1445	+ 2	1.8	13.7
86½	81	Singer & Friedl	82	+ 1	5.9	-
304	248	Stand Chartt	282	...	3.4	18.8
254½	217	TSB	242	...	4.7	10.3
83	70	Unicorl	81	...	4.6	-
784	655	Warburg SG	745	— 8	3.7	13.7
£101¼	9043¼	Wells Fargo	9883½	—108¼	2.9	...
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225	200	Wintrust	205	...	6.5	13.7

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663	625	Caledonia	663		3.1	18.1
2400	2125	Camellia	2300	+ 18¾	1.7	6.1
22½	16¼	Carlisle†	18¾	...	3.7	23.7
161	142	Cattles†	153		4.5	-
35	23	Christie	23	...		50.8
15	13½	EFG	14½		0.9	9.5
77½	61	EFT Group†	77	+ ¼	2.8	13.2
775	707	EFM†	768	+ 8	3.9	15.7
186	158	Exco	169		4.5	-
76	57	First Nat Fin	74	— ¼	2.5	47.2
185	161	Gartmore†	176	+ 2	3.9	14.8
379	255	Govett	297		6.1	5.0
1133	963	Henderson Ad	1125	+ 22	5.0	15.6
194	162½	Invesco	194	+ 4	2.8	17.3
49	43	Investment Co	47		4.7	15.0
231	200½	Ivory Sime	231	+ 7	4.1	16.0
348¼	196½	Jardine Strat	301½	— 12	4.5	-
144	95	Johnson Fry†	104	— 1	2.4	-
166	131	Lon Forfaitng†	166	+ 1	7.0	14.4
125	116	Lon Scot Bk	125		4.1	16.4
175	153	Man ED & F	163		6.6	9.0
1089½	953	M & G	1095		3.4	19.2
265	224	MAI	258	...	3.8	13.0
104¼	88	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	99	— 1		
807	680	MAM	801	+ 9	3.6	19.7
130	101	Nat Home Loan	102	— 1		2.3
1500	1150	Perpetual	1500	+ 9	2.9	16.2
565	515	Provident†	563	+ 3	4.6	13.8
305	245	Rathbone Bros	304		3.7	-
28¼	24¼	Rutland Tst	25	— ¼	5.0	-
316	290	S & U	311	— 2	4.4	10.1
240	135	Sharelink	237		4.7	8.9
133	105	SJP Capital	117	— 1	3.2	8.3
499	410	Smith New Ct	429		3.9	4.9
78	73	Torey Law	74	...	7.8	17.6
26	20	Tpp Hldgs	20		0.6	32.8
26	22	Western Selects	22		1.4	

PHARMACEUTICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
593	425	Brit Biotech	485			
345	133	Cantab Pharms	133	— 15		
295	233½	Celltech	295			
125	92½	Chiroscience	120			
40	31	Cortecs	38			
185	103	Fisons	174	— 4	3.1	
741	587	Glaxo	706	— 7	5.0	16.2
124	100	Grampian Hogt	114		6.3	-
264	162	Medeva†	257½	— 31	1.6	17.6
1½	¼	Premier Health	1			
254	230	Quality Care	230		2.4	11.4
413	273	Scotia	401			
56	32	Shield Diag	45			
532	444	SmithKline†	516	— 4	3.1	27.8
513	416	SmKline Uts	503	— 1	3.2	27.1

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RETAILERS, GENERAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
10	8	ERA Gp	8			12.5
161	98	Essex Furn	136	...	5.5	11.7
336	170	Etam	194		5.0	10.7
356	320	Fine Art Dev	342	— 2	5.3	10.6
66	37	Fired Earth	46			21.3
101	81	Flying Flowers	98	+ 1	2.4	12.8
284	255	French Conn	284			12.0
266	207	Frost Group	264		2.8	-
58	46	Galves	47		4.0	16.8
134	112	Goldsmiths Gp	128	+ 2	3.9	-
584	508	GUS	579	+ 5	2.9	16.6
204	179	Hardeys	204	+ 4	4.4	-
56	25	Hampden Grp	32	— 2	2.9	-
175	142	Hse of Fraser	152	— 2	4.1	13.7
83	80	Hughes (TJ)	83		3.8	13.6
270	229	JJB Sports	270		2.8	16.5
477	379	Kingfisher†	447	— 4	4.3	17.3
110	95	Kleeneze	95		2.0	27.0
315	235	Liberty	238		2.5	
305	184	Lloyds Chem†	200	— 1	5.1	6.6
132	108	MFI	122	— 1	4.5	15.3
427½	371	Marks Spencer	418	— 2	2.8	18.6
515	500	Menzies (John)	502		3.1	11.9
407	338	Moss Bros	407	+ 14	3.8	-
307	252	Next	296	— ½	3.5	15.2
38	27	OEM	38			
96	88	Oliver (G)†	88½	— ½	1.4	14.4
93	78	Partridge Fine†	83		5.0	9.3
155	107	QS Hldgs	114		5.9	-
19	7	Ramar Gp A	12	— 1½		
131	113	Rosebys†	114		5.3	12.5
111½	96	Sears	105	— ½	4.4	18.2
24	14½	Signet Group	15			
484	404	Smith WH	409		4.8	21.0
823	638	Sotheby's	813		2.2	30.0
245	209	Storehouse	232	— 2	3.1	19.0
206	168	Stylo	193		4.7	-
168	143	T & S Stores†	165	+ 1	4.9	-
120	98	Tie Rack	113		2.5	-
4½	3¼	Upton & South	3¼			
502	424	Vendome	438	— 2	2.4	22.2
33	24	WEW Group	24	— 1	3.6	30.3
67	57	Wid of Leather†	58		3.2	-
166	156	Wyevale†	165		2.7	-

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
553	491	Allied Domecq	534	— 7	5.3	14.4
408	330	Bulmer (HP)	404		3.4	21.9
121	99	Burn Stewart	103	+ 1	6.1	21.2
410	352	Grand Met	403	— 2	4.3	18.2
471½	404	Guinness†	465	— 3	3.7	14.6
445	337	Highland Distl	349	— 3	2.7	15.7
217	183	Macallan-Glenl	186		0.9	-
710	610	Macdn Mrtn 'A'	630		2.0	25.1
577	532	Matthew Clark	577	+ 1	4.1	26.5
88	61	Merrydown	83	+ 1	3.8	-
156	129	Taunton Cider	145	+ 1	5.8	11.2

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WATER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
520	443	Anglian	494	..	5.9	11.2
349	295	Mid Kent Hdgs	347		4.3	11.7
571	483	North West	558	— 2	5.4	8.0
900	676	Northumbrian	895	..	3.6	9.6
564	475	Severn Trent	526	+ 1	5.6	8.8
2155	1855	South Staffs	2150		3.2	13.0
527	459	South West	519	— 2	6.3	7.7
599	517	Southern	584	+ 2	5.1	8.4
504	456	Thames	490	+ 1	5.9	7.4
679	567	Welsh	614	— 2	5.3	6.8
312	252	Wessex	272	— 1	5.6	7.1
555	472	Yorkshire	539	— 1	5.4	7.9

Source: Fostel

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		Exch 10¼% 1995		..	10.14	6.37
		Treas 12¾% 1995		..	12.31	6.46
		Treas 14% 1996		..	13.39	6.81
		Treas 15¼% 1996		..	14.09	6.96
		Exch 13¼% 1996		..	12.46	7.00
		Conv 10% 1996		..	9.64	7.36
		Treas 7% 1997			7.10	7.63
		Treas 13¼% 1997		..	12.14	7.57
		Exch 10½% 1997		..	10.01	7.58
		Treas 8¾% 1997		..	8.58	7.79
		Exch 15% 1997		..	12.93	7.87
		Exch 9¾% 1998			9.35	7.97
		Treas 7¼% 1998			7.39	7.96
		Treas 6¾% 1995-98			6.98	7.97
		Treas 14% 1998-01			12.10	8.14
		Treas 15½% 1998			12.71	8.04
		Exch 12% 1998			10.74	8.15
		Treas 9½% 1999			9.11	8.13
		Exch 12¼% 1999			10.81	8.21
		Treas 10½% 1999			9.74	8.30
		Treas 6% 1999			6.49	8.12
		Conv 10¼% 1999			9.54	8.26

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
	100	Conv 9% 2000			8.73	8.19
		Treas 8% 2000			8.07	8.18
119	117	Treas 13% 2000			10.88	8.34
		Treas 10% 2001			9.29	8.30
		Treas 7% 2001			7.48	8.26
		Treas 9¾% 2002			9.09	8.40
		Treas 8% 2003			8.17	8.38
		Treas 10% 2003			9.15	8.42
		Treas 11½% 2001-04			10.11	8.49
		Fund 3½% 1999-04			4.58	7.02
		Conv 9½% 2004			8.69	8.41
		Treas 6¾% 2004			7.53	8.33

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		Treas 8½% 2005			8.39	8.31
		Conv 9½% 2005			8.85	8.40
		Treas 12½% 2003-05			10.13	8.59
		Treas 7¾% 2006			8.09	8.32
		Treas 8% 2002-06			8.21	8.36
		Treas 11¾% 2003-07			10.00	8.61
		Treas 8½% 2007			8.39	8.32
		Treas 13½% 2004-08			10.37	8.59
		Treas 9% 2008			8.54	8.32
	94	Treas 8% 2009			8.22	8.32

LONGS (over 15 years)

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		Treas 6¼% 2010			7.57	8.25
		Conv 9% 2011			8.50	8.32
		Treas 9% 2012			8.48	8.31
	72	Treas 5½% 2008-12			7.24	8.09
		Treas 8% 2013			8.21	8.27
		Treas 7¾% 2012-15			8.17	8.27
		Treas 8¾% 2017			8.33	8.25
		Exch 12% 2013-17			9.04	8.46

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1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		War Ln 3½%			8.30	
		Treas 2½%			8.30	

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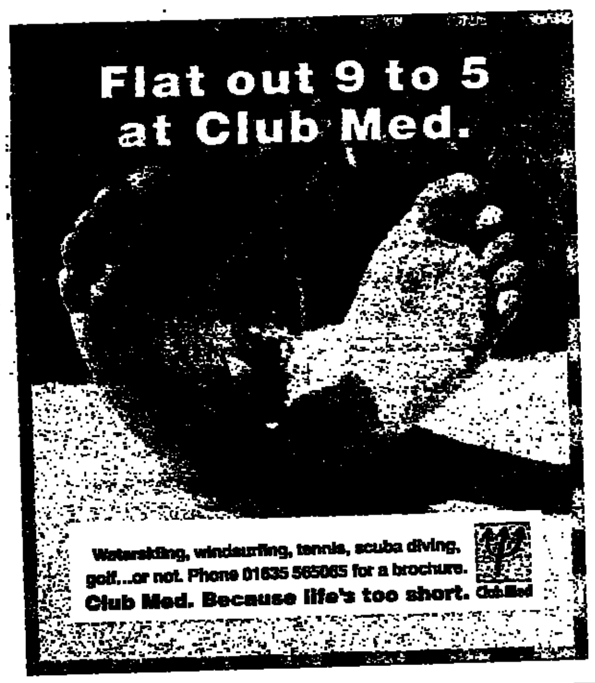
1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	10%	5%
		Treas IL 2% 1996			1.04	2.80
		Treas IL 4⅝% 1998			2.41	3.41
		Treas IL 2½% 2001			3.27	3.75
		Treas IL 2½% 2003			3.38	3.76
		Treas IL 4⅝% 2004			3.41	3.77
		Treas IL 2% 2006			3.48	3.78
		Treas IL 2½% 2009			3.53	3.77
		Treas IL 2½% 2011			3.57	3.79
		Treas IL 2½% 2013			3.58	3.77
		Treas IL 2½% 2016			3.62	3.80
		Treas IL 2½% 2020			3.65	3.80
		Treas IL 2½% 2024			3.64	3.78
		Treas IL 4⅛% 2030			3.66	3.80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Thatched houses are no longer the expensive luxuries they once were, **John Macgowan** writes

A fantasy come true?

Spring is the time when a housebuyer's fancy turns to thoughts of the countryside in general and a thatched cottage in particular. At no other time is the joy and colour of nature more attractive and no home more appealing than the white or pink-washed cottage under a smart thatch, preferably down a winding narrow lane, nestling near a green or stream in a village.

The first sight of daffodils, tulips and the greening of lawn, is just the aperitif. Then comes the cherry and apple blossom outside the kitchen window, the honeysuckle climbing the wall and the roses round the porch.

To some it is irresistible: many years ago our first sight of a thatched cottage, revealed by the push of a great wooden gate, was enough. We decided to buy it before we went through the front door, a decision never regretted in almost two decades before business dictated a move.

But in this idyllic picture there were snags, and the same ones exist today. Insurance is higher for a thatched house, though the cost is now only about £100 a year more than for a non-thatched roof.

There is more maintenance. The thatch has to be checked often, and the house has to be painted regularly to keep its looks. And there is the fire risk, which can be minimised by fire retardant and common sense. Install a fire arrestor above the chimney if you have log fires; do not light a bonfire near the building, and never attempt it when there is a wind.

Make sure the thatch is wired to keep out the birds, but not too tightly in case you have to haul it off. Do not do anything silly such as throwing a *burning electric blanket* on the roof, as someone did recently, which burnt down two cottages in a matter of minutes.

Leslie Ellis, regional building manager of Wessex National Trust, who has many thatched homes in his care, says: "If you have one, you will never want to change. They are nice places in which to live, snug in winter and cool in the summer. But you have to be sensible and be aware of the hazards and the need for maintenance."

Matthew Miller of Millerson, in the West Country, where pretty cottages abound, says: "Modern heating systems and wiring considerably reduce *the fire risk and many professional* thatchers are now quoting competitive rates for re-roofing. Maintenance costs have reduced considerably."

Millerson's Okehampton office is selling the Grade II-listed Perrymans Cottage at Belstone, near Okehampton, within the Dartmoor National Park. It dates back to the 14th century, has two/three bedrooms, and is priced at £95,000.

Home is where the heart is: Pooh Corner (above) in the Cotswolds and Watermill Cottage (below) in Suffolk

Thatched homes are dotted all over Britain. In the Cotswolds, the delightfully named Pooh Corner at Great Rollright, Oxfordshire, dates back to the 17th century, is Grade II listed, and was improved in 1988 to provide a two-storey local stone and thatch extension. *With exposed timbers, internal stone* walls and polished flagstones, it is for sale through Knight Frank & Rutley at £300,000.

Near Northampton, The Patch, in Humfrey Lane, Boughton, is built of redstone, has four bedrooms, and is ideal for the sports lover, situated in an area which offers fishing, sailing, flying and motor racing (Jackson-Stops & Staff, £169,950).

Eastward, to one of the traditional bases for thatch, Locksley Cottage in Wortham, near Diss, Norfolk, dates *back to the 17th century, is Suffolk-oak* framed, and has two bedrooms, making a fine weekend retreat (£75,000, Bedford of Bury St Edmunds), while *over the border in Suffolk the same* agent is selling Watermill Cottage, close to a watermill and overlooking the River Stour at Kedington near Haverhill. The three-bedroomed cottage is priced at £119,950.

Down to West Sussex, White Cottage in Watersfield has the true chocolate-box look. Grade II listed, it has four *bedrooms and is surrounded by open* farmland (£199,500, GA Property Service, Pulborough).

In Hampshire, April Cottage at *Kimpton near Andover has two* bedrooms and the beams and inglenook which adorn so many of these cottages (£150,000, John D Wood).

The same agent is selling Crouteors at East End, Lymington, Hampshire, an extended 17th-century former cobbler's cottage, with beams from ships built at nearby Bucklers Hard. It *stands in 1.5 acres on the edge of the* New Forest, and has six bedrooms (£295,000).

Thatchers Hall would seem to have a fitting *name*. It is a fine example of a 15th-century hall house, situated in Hundon, Sudbury, Suffolk, pink washed and retaining much of its original oak-framed construction. It is, however, roofed with mellow plain tiles (£185,000, Bedford).

How to cope with the stress of house buying

Psychologists have been studying the property market

Are you suffering from headaches, hair loss or sleepless nights? If so, the chances are that you are moving house. Third on the stress scale after the death of a spouse and divorce, the physical and emotional symptoms brought on by this "major life event" can reduce the most capable people to nervous wrecks.

Take Peter Rollings. After having taken six months to sell his home, he put in an offer on a new house. "We were gazumped at the last minute. With nowhere to live, our furniture had to go into storage, and my wife was seven months pregnant. We moved into our new house one week before the baby was born. Being in the business myself, I had expected to feel much more relaxed about it all," says Mr Rollings, who runs the South Kensington office of London estate agents Foxtons.

The firm has recently conducted research into the psychology of buying and selling property to understand and thereby help clients and applicants.

Professor Cary Cooper, professor of organisational psychology at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, says: "Stress is induced by change and moving home is a major change. Even when the move is for positive reasons (as opposed to death, divorce or debts), it can still cause stress due to the uncertainty involved."

Do you get your own property under offer and then find somewhere else, or do you find somewhere and run the risk of losing it because you cannot sell *yours? "Increased irritability*, a diminished sense of humour, lack of concentration, aggressive or over-assertive behaviour (in a subconscious attempt to compensate for the difficulty in making decisions), lack of interest in appearance, poor work performance, and an increased use of stimulants are all tell-tale signs."

Professor Cooper adds: "The golden rule is to accept that you are not in control. The deal, together with all its problems, is in the hands of agents and solicitors. You must tell yourself that they are getting paid to do the work, so let them get on with it."

One of the first worries is cost — how much will agents charge? Everything is open to negotiation, but as a basic rule of thumb most London agents charge 2½ per cent commission as sole agents, and 3 per cent on a joint basis on the sale of a property.

The difficulties of buying or selling a home can reduce the most capable people to nervous wrecks

Check terms and conditions — *most are prepared to* discuss and alter them to fit the circumstances. Some agents' fees include sales particulars, photographs, advertising, free editorial if they have a press officer and out-of-pocket expenses; others charge for these services at cost and as incurred, irrespective of the outcome of the sale.

In most cases if contracts are exchanged within the period your agent has selling rights, even if you have found the buyer, the same fee *may still apply. Likewise* they may still charge if contracts are exchanged after their selling rights have "expired" if they introduced or had contact with the buyer. If you withdraw when the sale has been agreed, it usually costs half the agreed fee plus expenses.

If you blanch at these charges, take comfort that many overseas agents cost more — France at 5 per cent, America 5 to 6 per cent and Spain 4 to 8 per cent.

Often it is down to the agent to establish when and if their client really wants to sell. "*Advising* a person not to sell — when for example it is a knee-jerk reaction to a spouse's death — can earn a friend for the future rather than a commission tomorrow," James Laing of Strutt & Parker, says.

A *reputable agent* will gauge your property's market, advise and plan an appropriate marketing campaign, be it at local, national and, if they have the resources, at international level. For example Savills, which has offices worldwide, has just staged its second annual exhibition of more than £200 million worth of property at The Dorchester, before taking it on to the Gulf regions — the first UK agent to target the Middle East directly.

Claire Berry, who heads the house department in Knightsbridge, says: "Successful vendor/agency relationships are based on the professionalism of the agent.

"The vendor must feel that the agent knows their business and yet has the vendor's interest at heart. Agents must show care and trustworthiness — not least because we are usually privy to the vendor's most personal and financial details."

Valuation is a sensitive issue. Most vendors obtain two or three quotes, but while the highest is obvious*ly the most tempting, if it is* too high the property can sit around getting stale.

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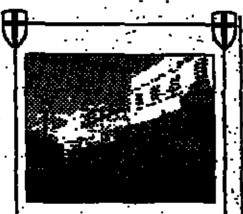

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Figuring it out

Christopher Warman on the real costs of renting office space

Office occupiers in London and the South East are increasingly confident about their business prospects during the coming year. However, a report by Jones Lang Wootton concludes that an emphasis on efficiency and competitiveness means that overall, they will be shedding more office space than they take up in the next two years.

In a survey of 613 companies employing about 562,000 staff, a majority (59 per cent) were optimistic about short-term prospects, a slight increase compared with six months ago.

But the region's employment trends do not match this level of optimism. The number of office staff fell by 1.7 per cent in 1994, and it is anticipated that there will be a further decline of 0.9 per cent this *year.*

Demand for office space increased sharply by 36 per cent in the second half of 1994 to 2.6 million sq ft, but companies have been shedding unwanted space at an even faster rate, resulting in an increase in unwanted space of 1.9 million sq ft. This pattern is likely to continue over the next two years, since companies' space requirements of 4.6 million sq ft are offset by anticipated space disposals of some 6.9 million sq ft, leaving a net balance of 2.3 million sq ft unwanted.

Jones Lang Wootton says the figures show that at a time of generally improving fortunes, confidence alone is not sufficient, and that the dynamics of corporate office demand are affected by more than prevailing property market sentiment or the state of the economy.

If the shortfall in demand is not made good — either by an expansion in requirements from companies in rapidly growing *sectors or by new entrant* companies to the local economy — the result could be continuing high levels of overall vacancy in office markets, with a consequent drag on rentals and repression of investment returns.

Headlines tend to focus on rental levels, but all cost factors should be considered

It could also lead to a further segmentation of the office market between primarily new, well specified and appropriately located space that continues to find a ready market, and rapidly obsolescent secondhand space which forms most of the space surplus and may remain permanently vacant before redevelopment or a change of use.

Chris Jolliffe, a research partner at Jones Lang Wootton, says: "Overall business demands and an increasing need for efficiency and competitive strength are having far-reaching impacts on the *office market.* Our review indicates that negative net absorption is likely to continue among large occupiers in the region, *though this demand gap* could be plugged by rapidly growing smaller companies and those moving into the region."

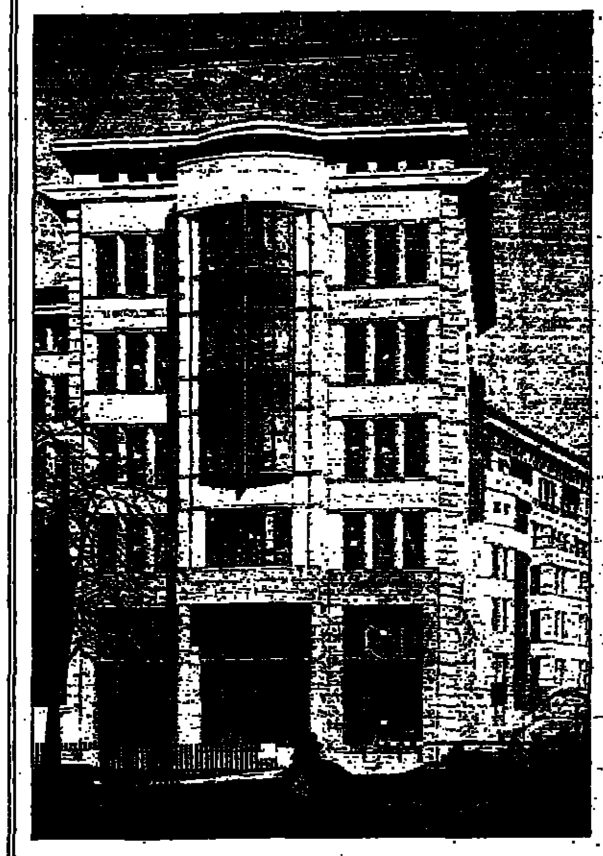
In the search for greater efficiency, companies need to consider the total occupation costs of an office, not just the rental. The latest rating revaluation of office property, which came into effect this month, has further polarised commercial property occupation costs.

These costs, which include headline rent, rates and ser*vice charge, are now estimated* by Weatherall Green and Smith at £66.50 and £65.50 a sq ft in London's West End and the City respectively. These levels equate to about £35 a sq ft more than similar premises in Birmingham, £32 a sq ft more than in Edinburgh and £40 a sq ft more than in Bristol.

The difference is even more marked within London. While in the Hammersmith area total occupation costs are about £34.50, almost half that of the West End and the City. Docklands generally has a total cost of £21.50, while East India Dock boasts the lowest *cost of £18 a sq ft — £10 rent,* £2.50 rates and £5.50 service charge.

East India Dock, a development by NCC/SPP LET, has benefited particularly from the 1995 revaluation because the *buildings* — at shell and core stage — were omitted from the 1993 rating list and are therefore not affected by transitional phasing arrangements.

Mike Stevens, of SPP LET International, says: "These latest figures show just how much occupiers ought to think about where they choose to locate. Research headlines always tend to focus exclusively on rental levels, but all the cost factors should be taken into the relocation equation."



Cheap at the price

EXCHEQUER COURT, at St Mary Axe in the City of London, Spaxe Properties' new development, will be available in July. The 141,370-sq ft air-conditioned building is the only headquarters office building over 100,000 sq ft coming on to the market this year. The joint agents, Jones Lang Wootton and St Quintin, expect a rent of about £40 a sq ft. The building will not be affected by the phasing of the new rating list and will benefit from a lower rating assessment than most competing buildings.

MARKET MOVES

Fresh start in St Petersburg

AMOR, an Anglo/Russian company, has this month announced plans for the first business park to be built in St Petersburg. The development of 1.25 million sq ft, on a site near the centre of the city, is estimated to cost about $100 million (around £64 million), and the first phase is due for completion in spring 1996.

The project has already attracted international interest from multinational companies. John Laing International is building the park, and the letting agents are Healey & Baker in London, DTZ Debenham Zadelhoff in London and St Petersburg and Kolb Levins Associates in Moscow.

Back to town

IN A move that indicates a return to the city centre from out of town shopping, the Imry Group has announced a £250 million mixed-use scheme for the comprehensive regeneration of the heart of Southampton.

Imry has submitted an outline planning application for 1.2 million sq ft of retail, offices and leisure space that will occupy a 53-acre site between West Quay Road and the Western Esplanade. Imry is carrying out the project in partnership with Southampton City Council. If approved, it should be completed in 1998.

Arcona contracts

ARCONA Properties plc has exchanged conditional contracts to buy the freehold of 44-47 Pall Mall, London SW1, and four other buildings from the Prudential for £18.775 million. A proposed 60,000 sq ft development on the site will have an estimated value of £50 million, and increases the number of West End schemes under development by Arcona, headed by Patrick Despard, to four — with a total estimated value of £150 million.

Moving on

MASSEY Ferguson — the manufacturer of tractor and agricultural machinery — is disposing of its Stoneleigh office campus where it has been for 40 years. The company is moving its Warwickshire headquarters to Banner Lane, Coventry. The 153,000 sq ft of offices in the 118-acre deer park at Stoneleigh, are on the market at £4 million through Jackson-Stops & Staff.

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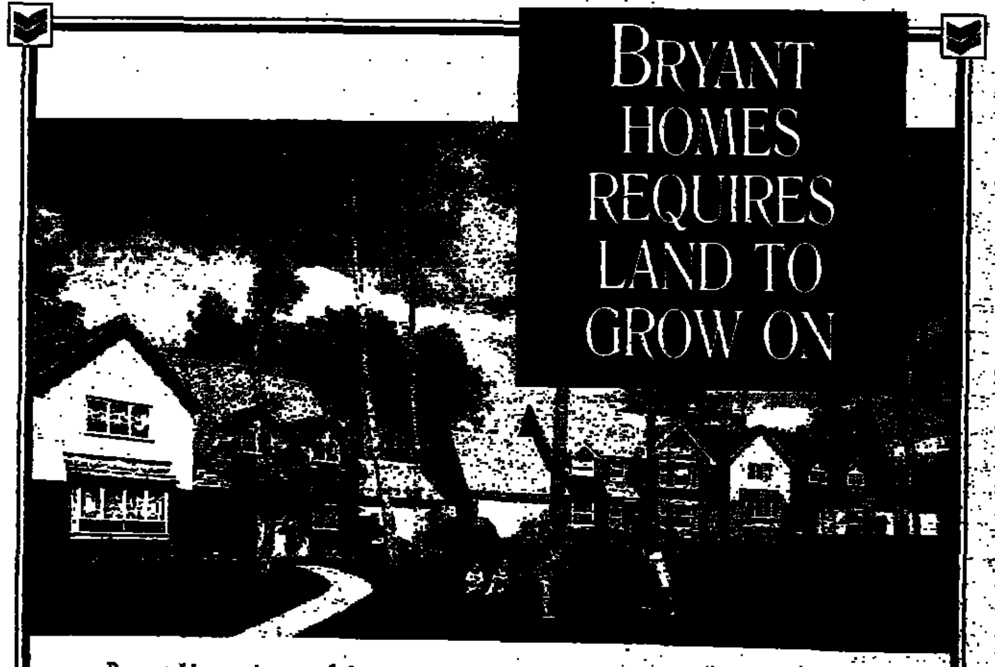

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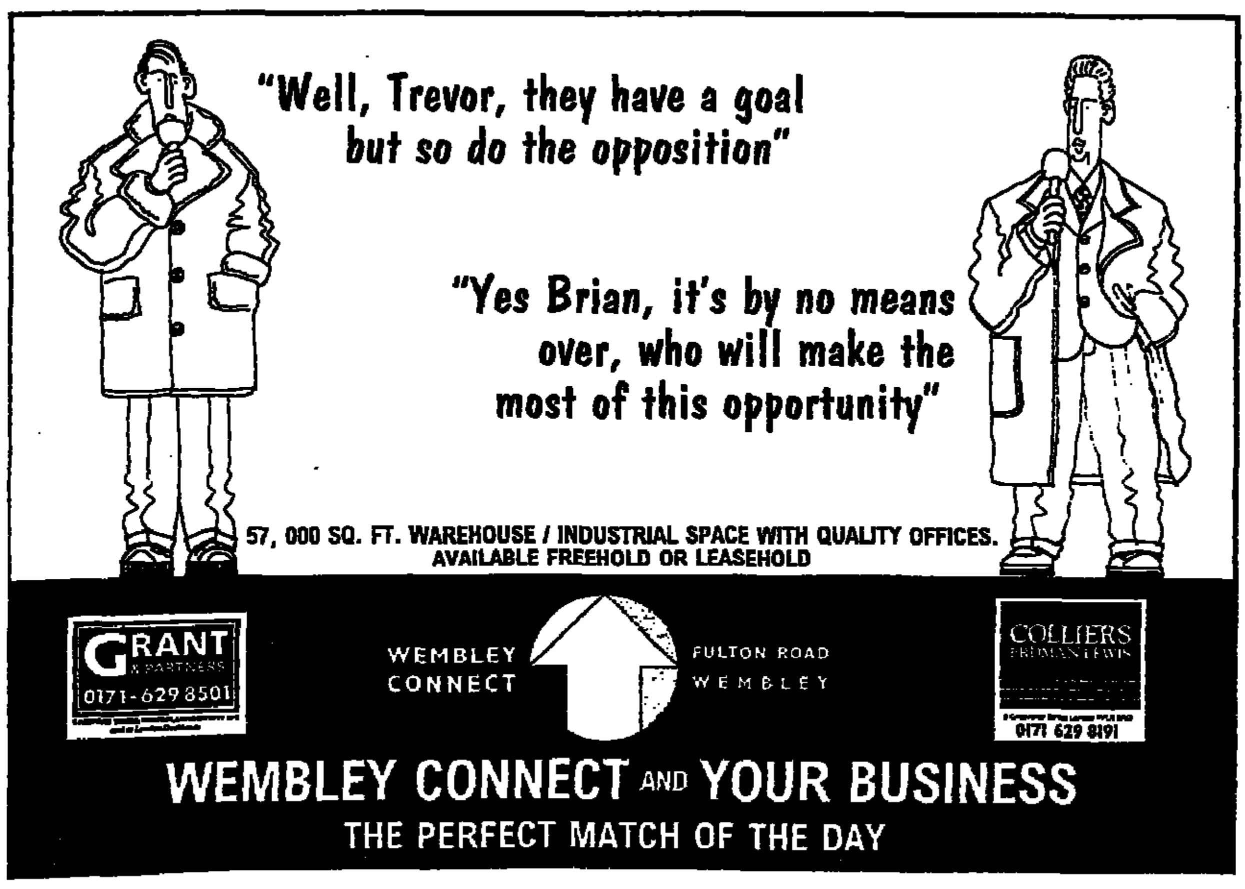

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No escaping Roman's history

As his film version of Ariel Dorfman's *Death and the Maiden* opens in Britain, Roman Polanski talks to **Chris Peachment**

Roman Polanski: "I would not want to live in LA; I like it here in Paris. But Hollywood is such a great *machine* for making films. Here in Europe we are all artisans"

Everybody knows at least two things about Roman Polanski. In 1979 his wife, the actress Sharon Tate, was brutally murdered by members of the Charles Manson gang at Polanski's house on Cielo Drive in Los Angeles. He was in Paris at the time. And in 1976 he was arrested and put on trial for the seduction of a 14-year-old girl, while staying at Jack Nicholson's house. After spending time in jail while undergoing psychiatric assessment at the judge's behest, he skipped the proceedings, and fled to Paris, where he has remained ever since.

> ‘Polanski strenuously denies any element of autobiography in his films’

Then there is his childhood, spent on the road in wartime Poland, while his parents were in concentration camps. (His father returned, his mother did not.) He pretended to be Catholic, since that country's hatred of Jews was almost as virulent as that of the invading Nazis. But his treatment at the hands of the local peasants is said to have inspired Jerzy Kosinski's novel *The Painted Bird*, a horrifying catalogue of brutality. So that is three things most people know.

It seems pointless to rehearse yet again the details surrounding these events. Indeed, he has given a very good account of them in his autobiography, *Roman*, which he wrote in part to set the record straight after the more outrageous speculations of the press. The tone of the book is dispassionate. And so too are his interviews. But there is no getting away from this history.

He strenuously denies any autobiographical element in his films. Which is fair enough for a man who has lived through what he has. It is also interesting that he has always resisted going into any form of analysis (he must be the only man in Hollywood to do so) for fear that it might blunt his artistic drive. But the influences are undeniably there in his films. Fugitives, claustrophobia, the victimisation of women, madness, sudden violence. You only have to look.

He cannot say why he chose his latest project, a film version of Ariel Dorfman's hugely successful stage play, *Death and the Maiden*. Indeed he *says* that he cannot say why he ever chooses any particular project. But he read the script while it was running in its original production at the Royal Court, and something struck a chord. It is set in an unnamed South American country (Dorfman is Chilean). In a beach house near a cliff are gathered three people: Gérardo (Stuart Wilson) a civil rights lawyer and now a government official in the new liberal regime, his wife Paulina (Sigourney Weaver) a victim of torture and rape under the former regime, and a stranger, Dr Miranda (Ben Kingsley), who has given the husband a lift home, and whom Paulina strongly suspects of being the man who tortured her while she was blindfolded. We could be back in *Cul De Sac* (1966), one of Polanski's best pictures which featured Donald Pleasance and Françoise Dorleac playing out a tormented marriage in the castle on Holy Island.

It is not long before the wife has the doctor bound and gagged and is attempting to extract a confession from him with a pistol. Polanski has done the reverse of what most film directors do when they adapt a stage play. Instead of "opening out" the action, he has kept it remorselessly interior, and even compressed the time scale to 24 hours. One of Polanski's favourite films from his youth was Olivier's *Hamlet*, which kept the Dane imprisoned in a castle of shadow and doubt. Polanski has also changed the structure somewhat to make the Doctor's possible guilt more equivocal.

I point out that it seems likely right from the outset that the Doctor is guilty, since he is the only one present who could have done it, and without his guilt, there would be no drama. But Polanski is insistent that there is ambiguity right to the end, even after the Doctor's cliff-top confession. "I would very much like to have filmed the play from three different points of view," he says, "like *Rashomon* (Kurosawa's account of a rape trial from three differing perspectives). That film was a great influence on me when I was young. And there is no better medium for a shifting point of view than cinema."

I suggest that the play might have been even more interesting if the wife had exacted revenge and then discovered the Doctor to be innocent. Polanski rather likes that idea: "Oh, perverted," he says, with some glee. "That goes right to the heart of the play though. Whether we are justified in doing to other people what they have done to us. The lawyer, being a good liberal, is horrified by the idea of revenge, but he can't offer any alternative."

Death and the Maiden is the piece of music by Schubert which the Doctor played while torturing the young wife. It inevitably raises the spectre of Nazi commandants who would spend the day shepherding lines of victims into the ovens and then retire for the evening to weep over a recording of *Für Elise*. "And have families and children as well. And be good fathers. There is no disparity in this. I often ask: is it possible under the right circumstances for anyone to be capable of any act, however evil? I believe I could not. But I also know there are many who could. Just as there are unassuming people who do great acts of courage. I suspect that most people are just a mixture of good and bad. But then occasionally a serial killer comes along. And you wonder how they got like that."

With the notable exception of *Chinatown*, there are no politics in Polanski's films. Worse than any violence in his films is the feeling that his characters are all cut off from each other, unsupported by any faith in a social life. Even *Death and the Maiden* is set in an anonymous country and drained of any reference to the iniquities of the Left or the Right. For a man who has lived through the life he has, this disregard for the effects of politics on people's lives seems extraordinary. "I realised very early how fickle it all was. I had trouble getting to film school because I was not a party member. But then the new movements came along and all the old apparatchiks became the leaders of the new freedom. It was all a gigantic hypocrisy. It makes me feel sick."

The Eighties were marked by a slowing down of output. And none of his films from France has yet matched the quality of his earlier work in Poland, Britain and Hollywood. One wonders whether he will try to return. "I would not want to live in LA; I like it here in Paris. But Hollywood is such a great *machine* for making films. Here in Europe we are all artisans. There, they have an industry. So, yes, I would like to. How, I don't know."

Interestingly, Spielberg asked if he was interested in *Schindler's List* some three years ago. The answer was no. "It takes the imagination to make a film of that subject. You need to be a film-maker to make a film like that, not someone who recalls it."

Polanski's own life could be the subject of a film. God knows who could impersonate this tiny man, with the shifty face of a child familiar with too much of the world's evil. And God knows who could direct it. Cronenberg perhaps, or David Lynch. Certainly not the man himself. He'd deny all knowledge.

Show of confidence

Jamie James on New York's Whitney Biennial exhibition of contemporary art

Every two years, the Whitney Museum mounts a large exhibition which purports to survey the most significant developments in contemporary American art. The 1995 model has opened to the usual throngs of visitors — and the usual brawling among the critics. Its predecessor in 1993, almost universally reviled as a brainless exercise in political correctness, was the first Biennial to be chosen by a single curator, in that case Elizabeth Sussman. The 89 artists in this year's exhibition were chosen by Klaus Kertess, a former dealer who now serves as the museum's adjunct curator for drawings.

Before 1993, the artists were selected by a committee. The decision to shift to a single curator for the Biennial was prompted in part by complaints that the committees had so many debts to pay off and powerful friends to please that there was little space left for fresh, interesting work.

The 1995 Biennial *does* contain fresh, interesting work, and scores of important people will not be happy with Kertess's choices — surely a good thing. Many of the top-dollar SoHo artists such as Ross Bleckner, David Salle, and Julian Schnabel were passed over in favour of exciting young artists.

Among those included is Toba Khedoori, whose 20ft-long drawings of trains and urban tenements wittily combine meticulous draughtsmanship with a funky, begrimed surface. Nancy Rubins's massive installation of hundreds of mattresses hanging from the gallery ceiling, their interstices stuffed with cakes, makes a startling impact, assaulting even the olfactory organs with the aroma of the cakes. Peter Saul, from Austin, Texas, contributed an outrageous cartoon painting of God as a slice of cake with pink icing, flanked by Elvis as Jesus and the Virgin Mary as a black floozie.

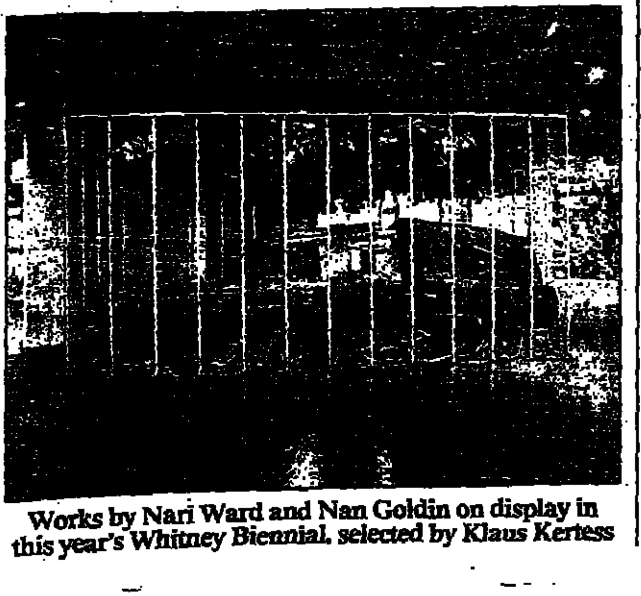
Kertess is closely associated with the minimalist art of the Sixties and Seventies; wisely, he proclaims this connection openly rather than trying to censor himself. The second floor opens with a gallery that at first glance appears almost empty, for it is hung with white paintings by Robert Ryman, some very low-key works by Agnes Martin, and a discreet text-piece by Lawrence Wiener. It was a brave gesture, but those established masters are overshadowed by the fourth artist in the room, represented by a single, tiny work: Charles Ray's exquisitely finished self-portrait in painted wood, mysteriously encased in a glass bottle.

Another interesting innovation this year is the inclusion for the first time of Mexican and Canadian artists: the museum's lobby is dominated by Gabriel Orozco's *Elevator*, an amusingly shrunken lift cabin; Julio Galán's magical canvases are some of the strongest paintings in the show.

Although Kertess did allow the dreaded white males to slink back to the Whitney, there is still a strong dose of abrasive political art here to offend those who seek to be offended. Lesbian photographer Catherine Opie's nude self-portrait in a black leather mask, with 46 hypodermic needles perforating her body, is as repellent as the artist could have wished; Lari Pittman's deliberately tasteless paintings seemed sassy two years ago, but now they are merely depressing.

Yet it is hard to imagine a Whitney Biennial that New Yorkers would not complain about. If there is not a lot of strong work in the exhibition, that may just be because there is none out there to be found. Besides, as in the case of the Oscars and the Super Bowl, those other American exercises in industrial self-congratulation, complaining about the Whitney Biennial is a ritualistic part of the fun. The typical New Yorker's rave review might fit this occasion: "It coulda been worse."

● *After it closes in New York on June 4, the Biennial will travel to Europe for the first time, to be one of the inaugural exhibitions of the new Museum of Modern Art in Prague*



Works by Nari Ward and Nan Goldin on display in this year's Whitney Biennial, selected by Klaus Kertess

FESTIVAL: Music from the Baltics comes to London

Melody flows freely

IT IS almost impossible to overestimate the importance of music and, in particular, of song in focusing the ideas and aspirations of the Estonian people. In the university town of Tartu, and on a hill above the capital Tallinn, they have gathered since 1869 in their hundreds of thousands — just to sing. At first there was no audience: now a song festival which takes place every four years, in one of the world's largest open-air auditoriums, attracts a third of the country's population.

On September 10, 1988, in the burgeoning months of perestroika, 300,000 people met for a totally unscheduled festival. The Singing Revolution had begun. Since August 1991, when Soviet power was declared illegal and an independent republic restored, musical activity in Estonia has been not so much a case of the *Emerging Light* of the South Bank's Baltic Festival, as a dazzling sunburst. In Tallinn's crumbling but exquisite medieval centre, dank cellars once cluttered with rubbish are now vibrant with nightly jazz; small chamber groups organise ad hoc concerts day and night in ancient merchants' halls and once-locked churches.

The Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir and its conductor Tonu Kaljuste, who perform at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on May 4 and 5, were leading figures in the Singing Revolution. In the most repressive years of the Soviet occupation, they would tour unapproved programmes of contemporary music, performing in village churches which were strictly out of bounds. Now, Grammy-nominated and supported by 100 per cent direct government funding, their programmes of largely ethnic Estonian and European sacred music remain an icon of national identity.

They bring to London four works by Arvo Pärt and a major piece by the lesser-known Veljo Tormis. While Pärt reforged his musical language, after years of silence, by investigating and absorbing Russian Orthodox and medieval European traditions, Tormis turned to the indigenous music of the Baltic Finns living on the borders of Estonia, Finland and Russia: the Livonians, Votians, Izhorians and Karelians who form the *Forgotten Peoples* of his song cycle to be performed in the QEH foyer at 10pm on May 4.

Veljo Tormis: draws on the music of the Baltic Finns

But if Estonian composers of the Pärt-Tormis generation have felt compelled to discover and identify where they came from, simply because it was difficult in those dark days of isolation to have a vision of where they were going to, then the new generation find themselves, almost overnight, as part of a global village of information and ideas. Everything is possible. As a result, their music tends to be a heady synthesis of the ancient and the avant-garde, of East and West, chant and computer technology.

Erkki-Sven Tüür, one of Estonia's most articulate and self-aware young composers, has — with his tongue halfway in his cheek — given subtitles like *Postmetaminimal Dream or PER Cadenza AD Metasimplicity* to his work. And he has been summoned by the South Bank to take part in a Contemporary Music Making for Amateurs weekend on Saturday and Sunday. His new work-in-progress, *Changes are taking shape*, will be part composed, part improvised with different groups of players then performed in the QEH foyer half an hour before Monday's concert, which will feature two earlier works by Tüür.

IN TALLINN, among the constant tapping and banging of architectural renovation and the lingering fumes of Ladas and Russian cigarettes, there seem to be as many festivals as there are months in the year, as many concerts and recitals as there are days in the week and venues in which to house them.

The Government still, miraculously, sees music as a funding priority: local corporate sponsorship is difficult in a country with few large companies, but already Swedish and Finnish companies are being approached, and a tax and lottery-funded Endowment for the Arts is in place.

In the Cuckoo Club, a dark subterranean gathering place for artists and musicians, once tingling with the *frisson* of being both an intellectual oasis and a KGB trap, a new vibrancy is palpable in the dense, smoky air. Madis Kolk, pianist and journalist, Peeter Vahi, Cadillac-driving managing director of Kaljuste's choir, are still plotting, talking earnestly and urgently — and laughing. "Write that we are optimistic. Yes, very optimistic! We *will* make it work. And tell them, yes — we have an English sense of humour!"

HILARY FINCH

● Emerging Light, a festival of music from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania is at *the South Bank (0171-928 8800) from Saturday to May 12*

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■ TONIGHT

Kirov maestro Valery Gergiev conducts the CBSO in a two-night programme of Berlioz and Liadov

■ TONIGHT

An injured wife considers revenge in the RSC transfer of Southerne's 1691 comedy, *The Wives' Excuse*, to London

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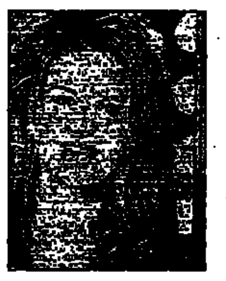

■ MUSIC 1

Trisha Yearwood: America's best-kept secret shines on an excellent British tour of top US country artists

■ MUSIC 2

South African drummer Louis Moholo assembles a stellar band for his South Bank "orgy in rhythms"

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

THE MAN WHO: Brook's astonishing staging of episodes from *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat* returns for a further 18 performances.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. No perf May 1. Until May 6. ▨

THE WIVES' EXCUSE: Excellent rediscovery of Thomas Southerne's 1691 comedy where an injured wife considers revenge in an era of unbridled lechery. Max Stafford-Clark directs.
Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Previews begin tonight, 7.15pm; Sat, 2pm. Opens April 27. ▨

NEW SEASON LSO: The London Symphony Orchestra opens the final part of its 90th birthday celebrations by welcoming back the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain tonight. Louis Frémaux conducts a programme of Berlioz, Hindemith and Shostakovich.
Barbican, as above, 7.30pm. ▨

RUSH HOUR INTERLUDE: Countertenor Michael Chance, oboeist Nicholas Daniel and pianist Julius Drake team up for another of the Wigmore's excellent early evening events. Tonight's recital is works from Bach, Purcell, Schumann, David Mathews and Britten. Live, BBC Radio 3.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141). Tonight, 6pm. ▨

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM. The Kirov's Valery Gergiev conducts the **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra** for a two-night programme of Berlioz's overture, *Roman Carnival*, Liadov's *Kikimora* and Piano Concerto No 5 and Symphony No 7. Alexander Toradze is the soloist.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (0121-212 3333). Tonight, 7.30pm and Sat, 7pm. ▨

BRACKNELL. Lady Bracknell comes "home" for English Touring Theatre's **The Importance of Being Earnest**. Now on national tour, with the formidable Bette Bourne as Lady B. Nicholas Wright directs.
Wilde, Ringmead (01344 484123). Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 2pm.

GUILDFORD. London City Ballet continues its tour of the ever-popular *Giselle*, beautifully designed by Peter Farmer. Galina Samsova adapts Jean Coralli and Jules Perrot's original choreography.
Yvonne Arnaud, Millbrook (01483 440000). Tonight-Thurs, 7.45pm; Fri and Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. ▨

MANCHESTER. Better known for *London Assurance* and *The Shaughraun*, Dion Boucicault also wrote **The Colleen Bawn**, a melodramatic extravaganza set on the banks of the Killarney. This rare revival is directed by Garry Hynes. Jolly, authentic music.
Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square (0161-833 9833). Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri, Sat 8pm, Sat, 4pm. Until May 6. ▨

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Impressionism in Britain (0171-638-4141) . . . **British Museum:** Byzantine Treasures from British Collections, final week (0171-636 1555) **Crafts Council:** Out of This World: Influence of Nature in Craft and Design 1880-1995 (071-278 7700) . . . **Hayward:** Yves Klein, final week (071-928 3144) **National Gallery:** Spanish Still Life: from Velázquez to Goya (0171-839 3321) . . . **National Portrait Gallery:** Richard Avedon (0171-306 0055) . . . **Royal Academy:** Odilon Redon (0171-439 7438) . . . **Serpentine:** Take Me (I'm Yours) (0171-402 6075) . . . **Tate:** Through Switzerland With Turner (0171-887 8000) . . . **V & A:** Prints of the Raphael Cartoons (0171-938 8500) . . . **Whitechapel:** Kiki Smith, final week (0171-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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☐ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN':** Exhilaratin' song 'n' dance show created from the hits of Fats Waller. Non-stop energy on feet.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **CONVERSATIONS WITH MY FATHER:** Judd Hirsch re-creates his Tony Award-winning performance in Herb Gardner's play, covering 40 years of Jewish experience in New York. When all's told, it's fairly thin stuff. Alan Ayckbourn directs.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. ▨

☐ ***DESIGN FOR LIVING:*** Rachel Weisz, Rupert Graves and Marcus D'Amico in Coward's *menage à trois* comedy. Sean Mathias's award-winner, with even more sexual rough and tumble than at the Donmar.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. ▨

☐ **IF WE ARE WOMEN:** Richard Olivier directs Joan Plowright and Diana Quick in a play by Canadian Joanna McClelland Glass: three generations of women come together after a death and deal with their past.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until Apr 29. ▨

▨ **INDIAN INK.** Felicity Kendal, Art Malik and Margaret Tyzack in Tom Stoppard's latest, wittily, poignantly, exploring aspects of Anglo-Indian resentments and respect.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

■ **THE MILL ON THE FLOSS.** Anne-Marie Duff, Catherine Cusack and Helen Schlesinger play the heroine in Shared Experience's acclaimed production, in London after its national and SE Asian tour. Nancy Meckler directs.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed (from Apr 26), 1.30pm, Sat, 2.30pm. ▨

☐ **ONE FINE DAY:** Joe McGann's compelling performance as a devoted dad caught up in a child-abuse case. Dennis Lumborg's engrossing one-man play.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

▨ **SIMPATICO:** Ciaran Hinds, Sean McGinley, Janet McTeer and Tony Haygarth in Sam Shepard's first play for a decade. A shared secret from long ago connects two men now living very different lives.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until May 13.

☐ **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE:** David Thacker's production, acclaimed in Bristol and Birmingham. Bernard Hill superb as the NY longshoreman consumed by unspeakable love for his niece.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 2pm; Sat and Sun, 3pm.

☐ **WOMEN OF TROY:** Good acting in this Euripides but a concern to emphasise modern relevance saps the power. Jane Birkin and Rosemary Harris lead the women.
National (*Olivier*), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm; tomorrow, 2pm and 7.15pm. ▨

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (0171-867 1044) . . . ▨ **Cats:** New London (0171-405 0072) . . . ☐ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) . . . ▨ **Grease:** Dominion (0171-416 6060) . . . ☐ **Mama I Want to Sing:** Cambridge (0171-494 5060) . . . ▨ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (0171-494 5400) . . . ☐ **My Night With Reg:** Criterion (0171-839 4488) . . . ▨ **A Passionate Woman:** Comedy (0171-369 1731) . . . ☐ **She Loves Me:** Savoy (0171-836 8888) . . . ▨ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi (0171-344 0055) . . . ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE LITTLE RASCALS** (U): Tame adventures of innocent imps, based on the *Our Gang* shorts. Penelope Spheeris directs a difficult child cast.
MGMs: Fulham Road ▨ (0171-370 3636) **Trocadero** ▨ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** ▨ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ▨ (0171-437 4343)

MURIEL'S WEDDING (15). Ugly duckling becomes swan in P.J. Hogan's boisterous, queasy Aussie comedy.
Barbican ▨ (0171-638 8891) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ▨ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ▨ (0171-437 4343)

ONCE WERE WARRIORS (18). Forceful New Zealand tale of Maori culture ravaged by the urban ghetto. Lee Tamahori directs a powerful cast.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Electric** ▨ (0171-792 2020) ***MGMs: Fulham Road*** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Warner** ▨ (0171-437 4343)

POETIC JUSTICE (15): Over-ambitious romantic odyssey from *Boyz 'N' the Hood* director John Singleton, with Janet Jackson and Tupac Shakur.
MGM Trocadero ▨ (0171-434 0031)

CURRENT

◆ **AN AWFULLY BIG ADVENTURE** (15). A teenager's postwar theatre experiences. Fascinating abrasive drama from Beryl Bainbridge's novel. Mike Newell directs Alan Rickman, Hugh Grant and newcomer Georgina Cates.
MGMs: Fulham Road ▨ (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Notting Hill Coronet** ▨ (0171-727 6705) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **UCI Whiteleys** ▨ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ▨ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **DISCLOSURE** (18): Michael Douglas says no to Demi Moore. Superficially enjoyable version of Michael Crichton's sexual harassment novel. Director, Barry Levinson.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ▨ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ▨ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ▨ (0171-437 4343)

HOOP DREAMS (15). Marvellous documentary by Steve James, Fred Marx and Peter Gilbert about two inner city kids and their dreams of playing professional basketball.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279)

◆ **JUST CAUSE** (18). Harvard law professor Sean Connery wrestles with a murder case in Florida. Ludicrous investigative thriller, with Laurence Fishburne. Director, Arne Glimcher.
MGMs: Fulham Road ▨ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ▨ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ▨ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ▨ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **LITTLE WOMEN** (U): Fresh, tender, feminist version of the 19th-century classic, with Winona Ryder, Susan Sarandon, and Gabriel Byrne.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ▨ (0171-792 3332)

THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE (PG). Nigel Hawthorne reigns supreme as Alan Bennett's tormented monarch. A fine film transfer by stage director Nicholas Hytner, with Helen Mirren and Ian Holm.
Barbican ▨ (0171-638 8891) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Gate** ▨ (0171-727 4043) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGMs: Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Screen/Hill** ▨ (0171-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** ▨ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ▨ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **NOBODY'S FOOL** (15): Endearing slice of small-town Americana, with Paul Newman, Melanie Griffith, Bruce Willis and Jessica Tandy. Writer-director, Robert Benton.
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** ▨ (0171-792 3332)

◆ ***ONE HUNDRED AND ONE* DALMATIANS** (U). Disney's pleasant, witty cartoon version of Dodie Smith's book about endangered puppies, first released in 1961.
Barbican ▨ (0171-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ▨ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **TERMINAL VELOCITY** (15): Sky-diver Charlie Sheen tangles with Nastassja Kinski in a dim-witted thriller with a few good stunts.
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ▨ (0171-792 3332)

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New American Music Tour
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"I know this is the New American Music Tour, but we're going to play some old American music for you," said Emmylou Harris, blowing a neat hole through the marketing men's attempt to sell a Stateside tradition as a freshly discovered commodity. In essence, the brand name for the package tour that brought headliner Harris, Trisha Yearwood and Marty Stuart to Britain and Ireland was well intended: just whisper the word "country" and thousands who might otherwise enjoy the music run away hallucinating about big hair and big hats.

Vauxhall's sizeable sponsorship of these dates, and the continuing presence of BBC Radio 2 as a champion of the genre, are clearly steps along the right road, but the make-up of the Albert Hall audience betrayed a majority of long-time believers and few inquisitive young faces.

The recent *South Bank Show* on the current crop of female country stars underlines that, at the other end of the Nashville skyline from the "hat acts", there is a wealth of performers who in a less format-frenzied culture would be allowed the description of popular music. Kathy Mattea and Suzy Bogguss are only two of the featured stars whose talents are thus denied access in all areas.

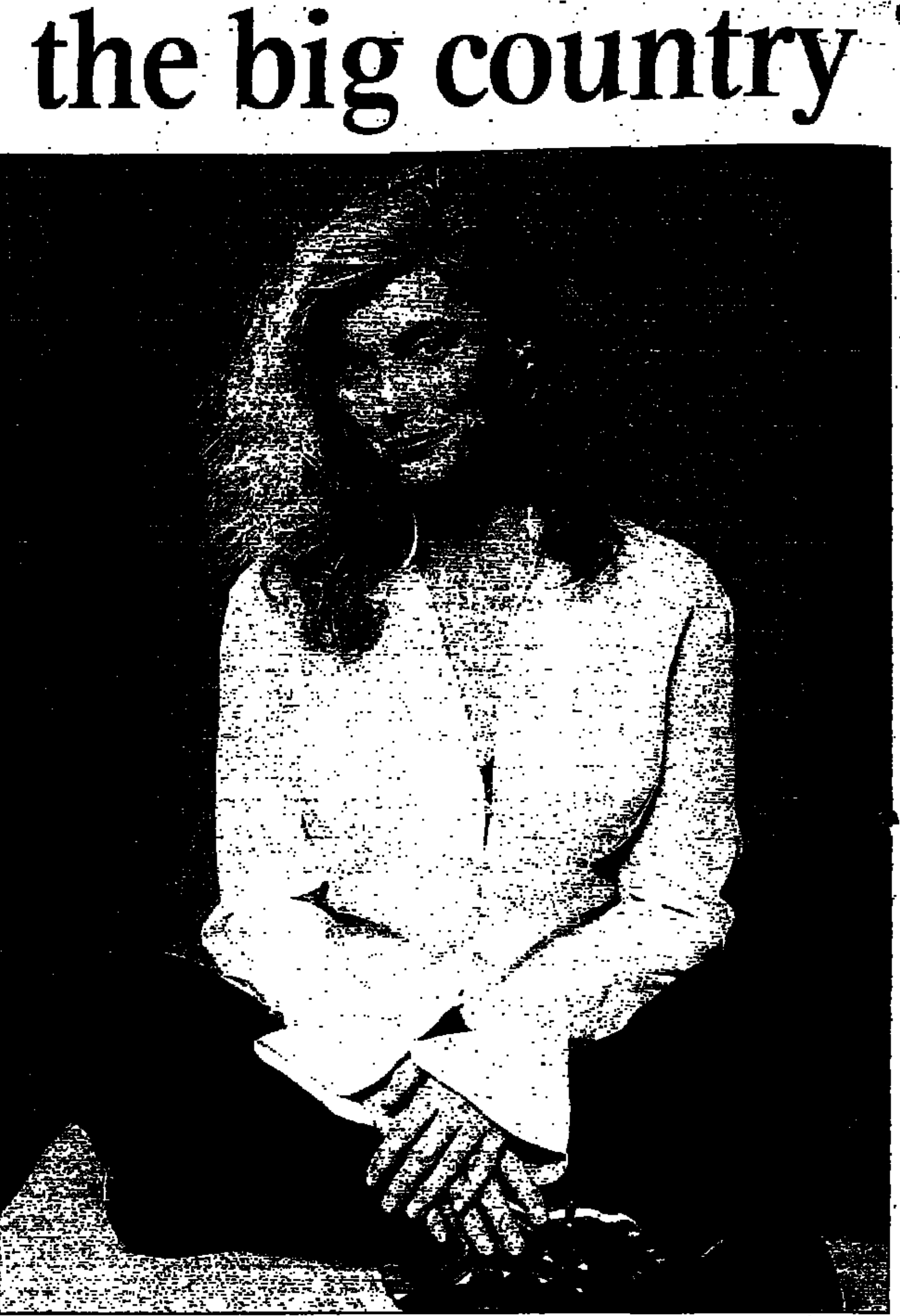
Yearwood, who was not part of that show, is perhaps the best-kept of all such secrets from a British audience, despite her multi-platinum status at home. Given the status quo by which country continues to be regarded here as the music of a niche minority, that is unlikely to change with her new album *Thinkin' About You*, which will be a dreadful waste of one of the year's most assured records in any genre.

The beautiful *On A Bus To St Cloud* and an "unplugged" *O Mexico* from the new set were complemented by previous achievements such as *The Song Remembers When*, reinforcing the belief that Yearwood is as fine an interpreter of contemporary song as, say, Gloria Estefan.

Marty Stuart, who opened the show, comes from the rock'n'roll school of country that has held classes since Elvis Presley's youth. Stuart paid six years of dues in Johnny Cash's touring band, and one of his most affecting numbers was an acoustic version of Cash's *He Turned The Water Into Wine*.

Emmylou Harris has been around long enough to remember the days when a country artist could get a foot in the door at pop radio. She is celebrating 20 years, on and off, with her group the Hot Band, and it was heartwarming to see such stellar players as Rodney Crowell, Albert Lee and Glenn D. Hardin back on stage together. Always a true traditionalist, Harris favoured gentle mementos such as *Too Far Gone* and *Together Again*. Country may still be a dirty word to some, but this package has made an estimable attempt to polish it up.

PAUL SEXTON



Emmylou Harris, celebrating 20 years with the Hot Band — long enough to remember the days when a country artist could get a foot in the door at pop radio

Nervous wreckage

ROCK

Aaron Hall
Apollo, W6

THE last time Aaron Hall was due to play here a work permit was denied him and a lot of people were disappointed, *Paul Sexton writes*. In this sense we should at least applaud his consistency.

The stars of American swingbeat have proved on many occasions that *they can sell out British venues with* almost no profile. The New York R&B trio from which Hall emerged, Guy, are now the stuff of legends for genre connoisseurs, and their guiding light, Teddy Riley, went on to be the producer of choice for many soul and pop artists in need of a credibility transfusion.

Low key is one thing. But when your own record label is not involved in supporting your concert — MCA showed little enthusiasm for Hall's attempt to win back his British fans — something is clearly awry. Not insignificantly, Hall had no new product for the company to hawk, arriving in the fading glow of his US million-selling album from 1993, *The Truth*.

A thinly populated Apollo sat through performances by a pair of British wanna-R&Bs before enduring a 45-minute delay. Then the ironic news: this time it was not Hall who was AWOL but his billed support, the Atlanta "new jill swing" trio Kut Klose, who have stirred interest in soul circles with the debut album *Surrender*.

Hall thus arrived to muted bewilderment and never fully won the audience round: while he is clearly a gifted singer and writer of contemporary R&B, his ego dictates a live show of tedious titillation that relegates music to the back burner. Arousing an audience with a graphic sex show may have a place in a seedy clip joint but it does little to consolidate your role as a *credible and creative musician*.

Things were only to get worse. One hour into his set, Kut Klose apparently worked out where Hammersmith was and made the most perfunctory of two-song appearances. Hall then came back for one number and made his goodbyes; by now the evening had taken on all the organisational gloss of a train wreck. A tour aide came on to affect an apology and introduce the promoter, who would explain the "technical problems" that had rendered the evening laughable. So it was fitting that even he failed to show up.

Unplanned orgy

JAZZ

Louis Moholo/ Clifford Jarvis
Queen Elizabeth Hall

BILLED as an "orgy in rhythms", and dedicated to "demonstrating the journey of the drum from Africa to the rest of the world", this concert featured a positive cornucopia of percussion instruments, tuned and untuned, simple *and complex, traditional and modern.* Both Clifford Jarvis, a 53-year-old Bostonian, and Louis Moholo, born in Cape Town in 1940, are highly respected drummer-leaders, and each had assembled a stellar band for the occasion, the only instruments in either group blown or plucked, as opposed to struck, being saxophones and bass. This basic similarity aside, however, the groups' respective musical approaches could hardly have been more different.

Clifford Jarvis's octet, Rhythms of the Gods, was centred on relatively conventional instrumentation. It was basically a straightforward jazz quartet under the guidance of musical director/saxophonist Jean Toussaint, embellished by African and South American hand drums, played by percussionists Bosco d'Oliveira, Richard Ajileye and Kevin Haynes, and by steel drums played by Daniel Louis. After a rousing percussion-only introduction, Toussaint, Louis, pianist [illegible] Bentley and bassist Wayne Batchelor joined the band.

The ensuing mix of originals and standards by Thelonious Monk (*Bye-Ya*) and Dizzy Gillespie (*Manteca*) was a curate's egg. Highlights came from material such as Louis's *A Summer's Night*; low points came from the more complex fare.

In contrast to Jarvis's reliance on organised arrangements, Moholo seemed to have opted for a completely *hands-off approach, simply allowing* his nonet — which contained some mouth-watering percussive rarities along with Orphy Robinson's marimba and Jason Yarde's saxophones — to fend for itself. Occasionally the leader would stand up and point at the next soloist, or rap out a tattoo on his snare to signal a fresh rhythm, but overall, informality bordering on anarchy reigned. Clearly, even the most exuberant of orgies benefits from careful planning.

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Zen and the art of acting

Yoshi Oida in *The Man Who*: in the course of a 25-year collaboration with Peter Brook, the two have been searching for a theatre that will speak to everybody

I presented myself at Yoshi Oida's theatre workshop hoping to learn the secrets of *Noh*, but the first thing he made us do was wash the floor. "You must begin by clearing the mind and purifying the stage," he explained. Will he be scrubbing the boards of the Lyttelton today, I wonder, when he returns to London in Peter Brook's *The Man Who*?

Either way, you can see his point the moment he walks on stage. His charisma is both sensual and enigmatic: there is a spirit behind the muscle. He is at once Japanese and universal — or as he describes himself, a Western mind in an Eastern body.

In many ways, Oida is the quintessential Peter Brook actor. In a collaboration lasting 25 years, his career, which includes training in a Buddhist monastery, parallels Brook's own search for a theatre that will speak to everybody. Each has influenced the other, and for both of them it has meant a Zen-like paring away of the unnecessary to get to the essence. "Peter's work is getting more and more minimalist," he observes. And nowhere is this more strikingly apparent than in *The Man Who*. Even the title is minimalist.

Based on Oliver Sachs's book, *The Man who Mistook his Wife for a Hat*, and consisting solely of encounters between doctors and patients, it is hardly a play. It is so reductive that the actors almost disappear. Yet the piece is extraordinarily moving in the way it dramatises the struggle of Sachs's brain-damaged patients to cope with reality.

Take the scene where Oida plays a man who can see nothing on his left side. After shaving in a mirror he is shown, on a video screen, that one half of his face remains covered in lather. The point of recognition throws him into profound desolation. Oida portrays this by appearing to do almost nothing, yet the moment stabs right through our hearts. How does he achieve such a powerful emotional impact?

"I live that situation but I try not to act or show it," says Oida. "If you want to show the whole situation of that character, then the audience receives too much information. Somehow the actor must make an empty space where the imagination of the audience can enter. Then there can be true contact."

Oida himself has also known desolation, candidly described in his recent book *An Actor Adrift*, a poignant account of a mid-life crisis. In it he accuses himself of making a mess of his life, building nothing and drifting aimlessly around the world.

But he also has the knack of being in the right place at the right time. When Brook invited him to Paris in 1970 to join his international theatre company, it was just what Oida was looking for. Dissatisfied with his life as a classical *Kyogen* actor and confused about his identity as a Japanese in the world at large, he was on the point of giving up acting in favour of directing. Watching someone like Brook seemed the ideal way to learn.

"For me rehearsing is the most interesting part of the show," he admits. "During the rehearsals with Peter I am so happy, but afterwards, when I have to perform the same thing for two years, then I am not so happy to be an actor. If I can't learn about directing then I'm not interested to act in someone's production."

In the end he has had it both ways. With Brook he made the transition from rigid *kata*, where the fixed form of a performance is handed down for generations, to the bracing freedom of improvisation. And when Brook told him: "I think you should now stop using Japanese techniques," he paradoxically discovered the deeper principles behind Japanese classical theatre and was able to share them with the company.

> ❝ Somehow the actor must make an empty space where the imagination of the audience can enter ❞

He has also had success as a director, with shows such as *Interrogations* in which he appeared during this year's London International Mime Festival. His next dream is to direct a film. Perhaps this was his hidden reason for taking a lead role in Peter Greenaway's latest film, *The Pillow Book*; the chance to watch another superlative director at work.

In the meantime, he keeps acting and teaching workshops in order to eat. But can he pass on the secrets of his own success on stage? "You can improve with training, but there is something in your bones that is either an actor or not an actor," he says. "A great *Kabuki* actor once told his pupil, 'I can teach you the movement of how to point to the moon, but what happens between your finger and the moon is your responsibility.'"

● The Man Who *is at the Lyttelton Theatre (0171-928 2252)*

Double trouble with a baby

The First Years/ Beginnings
Grace, Battersea

THE Susannah York mini-season continues, mercilessly, at the Grace. First came York's solo appearance as a country singer. Now she is directing an American double bill by the distinctly second-rate writer Joshua Goldstein.

The First Years and *Beginnings* are a pair of embryonically unready plays about having babies and medical problems. *Beginnings*, the better of the two, is a screwball comedy (if that is the word) about infertility. There are flashes of humour in the anti-heroic husband Paul's struggles to arouse himself for sperm count samples, armed only with an unalluring plastic jar and his flailing imagination.

Fiona Mollison is fine as his exasperated, insecure wife Julia, and Ron Berglas's Paul can be amusingly neurotic. However, I wasn't convinced the couple live in the same dramatic universe. Moreover, what on earth was Julia's schizophrenic brother doing, drifting through soliloquising about astro-projection while executing karate moves?

The First Years is a mother's monologue about her baby, Edward, who has cancer. Infant death is a subject of infinite sorrow. Unfortunately, Goldstein's handling of Sarah's story tries to tug at the heart strings without having much of a clue how to touch a chord theatrically.

We never see Edward. Sarah, endlessly dewy-eyed and smiling, kneels over a little bundle of thin air. Even before she knows of Edward's illness, Sarah is, regrettably, a baby-bore, listing every blessed thing he does. Her speech sounds like suspiciously overwritten diary entries, interrupted only by the phone. I understood that Edward's decreasing playfulness indicated he was tragically unwell, but I did sneakingly wonder if he was just on strike, fed up with all this sentimentality. All credit to Laurel Lefkow, who plays Sarah without batting an eyelid.

KATE BASSETT

Director Susannah York

DANCE: Standing ovation in Germany for David Bintley's all-British blockbuster

Right royal sex and violence

Edward II
Staatstheater, Stuttgart

OUT of sight, out of mind, is what they say. But David Bintley can hardly be forgotten when he is due to take over as director of the Birmingham Royal Ballet this summer. Also, although he has spent this past year mainly abroad, it has been a busy time: new ballets to create in Munich and San Francisco, the popular *Penguin Café* to mount in South Africa, and now a hugely ambitious, rapturously acclaimed full-evening work for the Stuttgart Ballet.

Bintley's *Edward II* continues two longstanding Stuttgart traditions: of making big dramatic ballets, often on unexpected subjects, and of welcoming British choreographers — John Cranko, Kenneth MacMillan and Bintley's Birmingham predecessor, Peter Wright, all did many of their best ballets there. This time there is in fact an all-British production team: a score commissioned from John McCabe, three notable designers, and of course Christopher Marlowe's play as the starting point of Bintley's scenario.

Re-reading this before last weekend's premiere, I wondered how its action could possibly be transposed into dance. Surprisingly it works well. Bintley has cut down the number of characters and tells the essential story clearly, concentrating on the four principals whose natures and predicaments he makes vivid with an ideal cast.

The King is the most complex, yet at every moment his actions and reactions seem simple and inevitable. Wolfgang Stollwitzer, tall and slender, with tumbling fair hair, reveals a stamina that belies his frail appearance, and brings out the fascinating mixture of weakness and determination which makes *him* lose in turn his lover, wife, son, kingdom, crown and life. Throughout two acts of, respectively, 60 and 50 minutes he is never long from the centre of attention, and Stollwitzer sustains the focus through a vast variety of moods.

Benito Marcelino's Gaveston is a perfect foil: compact, dark, eager, gay in the old sense as well as the modern one, he gives the young man a boisterous energy that makes the melancholy King light up with happiness. A brief idyll they enjoy in the country is a sunny interlude in a stormy drama, and makes Gaveston's murder soon afterwards all the more horrifying: trampled and hacked to death, his head left in a bloody sack for Edward to find and swear revenge.

By contrast, Richard Cragun's Mortimer is a creature of cold lust for power. Even in his most erotic episodes seducing Queen Isabella, he is always on guard: the way he stirs up the barons against Edward is equally calculating. Cragun is one of the company's veterans, but still in tremendous form. Sabrina Lenzi is their newest star dancer; at first her Isabella is touching in her fragile, distressed isolation, but gradually she works a powerful transformation into the Warrior Queen, the "she-wolf of France", leading her troops with impetuous swoops and willing even to threaten her young son's life to force his father to give up the crown.

FELIPE ALCOCEBA

Richard Cragun as Mortimer, with Sabrina Lenzi as Isabella

This impressive performance is virtually all that the plot provides for women, except for a neat cameo by Dominique Charlier as her lady in waiting, and a dance or two for French court ladies at the betrothal of Prince Edward and his child bride (two solemn and excellent children from the John Cranko school).

The men of the company, however, have wonderful opportunities: in the scene of the barons' conspiracy, in the revolts and battles, and in an interlude where Gaveston gets a troop of strolling players to act a wildly bawdy satire on court morals — or their lack.

McCabe's score is strong theatre music reinforcing the dramatic moods. It proves more apt and proportionate to the action than his previous ballet, the *Mary, Queen of Scots* which he wrote for Peter Darrell nearly 20 years ago. Often raw in tone, powerfully rhythmic, it grates and grips more often than it delights.

Peter Davison's settings mainly enclose the action with walls, doorways, scaffolds and sinister windows; together with Peter Mumford's highly imaginative lighting, they give the ballet an impressive look that is only partly sustained by Jasper Conran's often handsome but too uniform costumes (and the switch to modernish clothes for the opening scenes of Act II is a puzzle).

The Stuttgart audience gave this evening of sex and violence and tremendous dancing a 15-minute ovation on opening night. Now the question is whether Bintley can provide similarly strong meat for Birmingham.

JOHN PERCIVAL

CONCERTS: Brilliant young strings and exquisite devotions

Racing pulse of youth

Petersen Quartet
Wigmore Hall

THERE are some very fine young string quartets around these days, but I have heard none finer than the Petersen Quartet. Emanating from the former East Germany, they have rapidly made a reputation for themselves in recent years, and that reputation will have been firmly consolidated by the magnificent recital they gave at the Wigmore Hall on Saturday night.

Immediately in Haydn's String Quartet in D Major, Op 20 No 4, the very special quality of their collective timbre was evident. The tone is a mellow one, rich in colour — one passage in the second movement had an almost Brahmsian hue — with a propensity for sudden flights of soaring lyricism. What makes those moments so special, however, is a sense of weightlessness, of buoyancy in the texture that sets the pulse racing.

The counterpoint of their accents gave a splendidly ethnic edge to the gypsy style of the *Menuet Alla Zingarese*, while the surprises of the finale — dramatic pauses, sharp dynamic contrasts — were all carried off against a background of scintillating brilliance.

The music of the Czech composer, *Erwin Schulhoff*, whose creative genius was prematurely snuffed out in the Wülzburg concentration camp in 1942, has recently been getting the exposure it deserves, thanks to ensembles such as the Petersen. The vigorous Slovak idiom of the *First String Quartet's* third movement was nicely brought out here, as were the plentiful Bartókian overtones throughout, but it was the eerie bowing effects of the second-movement Allegro ("con malinconia grotesca") that gave the strongest hint of the work's ironic undertow.

In the first movement of Beethoven's Quartet in A Minor (Op 132), they juxtaposed eloquence and a forceful thrust in the alternating modes of the music. The three-in-a-bar of the Ländler-like second movement was given with more than just a lilt, using the minims to launch a powerful surge through each phrase in turn. A surge of fresh life was also palpable in the sections of the *Heiliger Dankgesang* (Holy Hymn of Thanksgiving) representing the "feeling of new strength", while the Adagio paragraphs were serene without being sanctimonious.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Songs of praise, Paris-style

Le Concert Spirituel
Snape Maltings

THE Aldeburgh Early Music Festival, established only a year ago, has an excellent chance of flourishing. Holding the event over the Easter weekend is a wise ploy. The boundaries are clearly marked, leaving little chance that it will outreach its potential. At its present level, according to its director, Philip Pickett, it achieves the major miracle of breaking even.

Thanks not to any help from British corporate or public sponsors but to assistance from the French Institute and the Association Française d'Action Artistique — does not anyone ever feel just slightly embarrassed by foreign artists being paid for by foreign money to perform here? — Saturday's concert was given by Le Concert Spirituel. This is a fine group of singers and players based in Paris, directed by Hervé Niquet and taking its name from the organisation founded by Philidor in 1725 for the purpose of providing public music at times when theatrical performance was forbidden, which included a long period around Easter.

The modern version of the group has no such limitations, but due respect was given in any case to the liturgical season in a programme that consisted of music from the late 17th century. The first part was devoted to a D Minor Mass by Marc-Antoine Charpentier, richly scored, full of modern Italian influence in its vivid contrasts of scoring (the composer wrote it probably shortly after his return from a period in Rome), yet perhaps inevitably retaining a sense of formality that speaks more of duty than of the wondrous inspiration or sense of fantasy which informs this composer's operas. There were also two well-wrought motets, *O amantissime Jesu*, for two sopranos and continuo, and the impressive, larger-scaled *Motet pour les confesseurs*, both composed by an Italian resident in France at the time, Paolo Lorenzani, and sung after the Credo and Agnus Dei.

In all of these pieces Niquet forged clean, stylish performances from his small choir and orchestra, the low pitch standard bringing an apposite solemnity and richness to the textures. The solo singers, Ruth Holton, Stefan Van Dyck (a Gallic Rogers Covey-Crump), Hervé Lamy and Bernard Delétré, came more into their own in the second half, devoted to the *Trois Lamentations pour la Semaine Sainte* by Jean Gilles. This is music both touching and exquisite, laden with regretful emotions but, save in the ornate settings of the Hebrew letters that introduce each verse, also economical and direct.

One small complaint. It is surely possible for the players to tune more quickly and efficiently than they did here.

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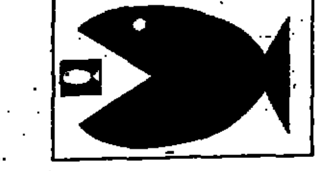

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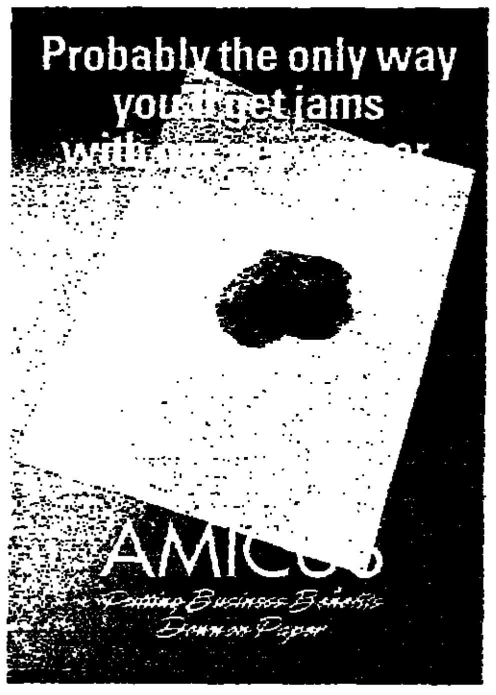

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Suez, Profumo and the sexual revolution

The story of Britain reflected in the BBC's history

IF THERE were a sainthood for broadcasting, Asa Briggs would be due for elevation from Venerable to the top rank. Volume five of his history of the BBC is no less than the story of Britain between 1955 and 1974, taking in everything from Suez to *Bill and Ben the Flower Pot Men*.

The BBC was in the thick of it: Profumo, Northern Ireland, the three-day week, six general elections, the sexual revolution. To Mrs Mary Whitehouse, Sir Hugh Carleton Greene, the BBC's Director-General from 1960 to 1969, was the main cause of the moral collapse in the Swinging Sixties.

Part of the fun of reading history is seeing it repeat itself. Fights over what went out on *Panorama*, over the BBC's perceived political bias toward one party or another: even the words sound the same. "Many people far beyond the confines of the Tory party believe that there are sinister extreme-left influences in the BBC... It is high time one or two patriots were put into these key positions" (Foreign Office memo in May 1956). The BBC is "incapable of dealing in a balanced way with anything involving the Labour Government" (Tony Benn, 1965).

BRENDA MADDOX

Even the BBC's internal anguish sounds just like today's. Briggs (now Lord Briggs) shows it worrying about charter renewal, struggling to be less elitist. A study group reported in 1959 that the "BBC-ish flavour" had to go.

What jumps out from Lord Briggs's 1,133 pages, however, is the BBC's greatest victory: the securing of a second channel for itself.

In 1960, after five years in existence, commercial or "independent" television, ITV, was winning the viewing audience. At times the BBC did not have a single programme among the top ten. But a third channel was becoming available. Accordingly, in July 1960, the Macmillan Government set up one of the magisterial committees by which the future of Britain's broadcasting had traditionally been determined. The Pilkington committee had two main questions to answer. Should there be a third channel? Who should run it?

The BBC was determined to get the channel for itself and therefore set about winning the battle of Pilkington, mainly by generating a landslide of paper that supported the deep-seated, and bipartisan, national fear of television commercialism. For example, in its Pilkington Memorandum No 10, "Serious Programmes in Peak Hours", the BBC weighed its own against ITV's, and pronounced itself superior in gravitas by more than three to one.

The BBC won. The committee, in June 1962, judged the BBC "the main instrument of broadcasting in the United Kingdom". It was "forthwith to provide a second programme". Thus in 1964, BBC2 was born.

The outcome could have been different. The second channel could have been given entirely to education. There could have been a second commercial channel. But such was the fear of ITV's appeal to the lowest common denominator than when, in the late 1970s, a second commercial channel was sanctioned, it was not ITV2 but an entirely separate entity: Channel 4.

As for local radio, the BBC also was shrewd. It had set up its first local stations in 1967, before the commercial alternatives could begin. When the Conservatives came to introduce commercial radio, as promised in their 1970 general election manifesto, they did not risk another inquiry. Rather, they simply introduced legislation which, in the words of Christopher Chataway, by then Minister for Posts and Telecommunications, would provide "a logical, and perhaps overdue development of our mixed system of broadcasting".

As the century ends, the BBC holds the greater part of the national spectrum and is likely to continue to do so. As new channels multiply, they steal audience from each other as much as from the BBC, leaving the Corporation all the more mainstream.

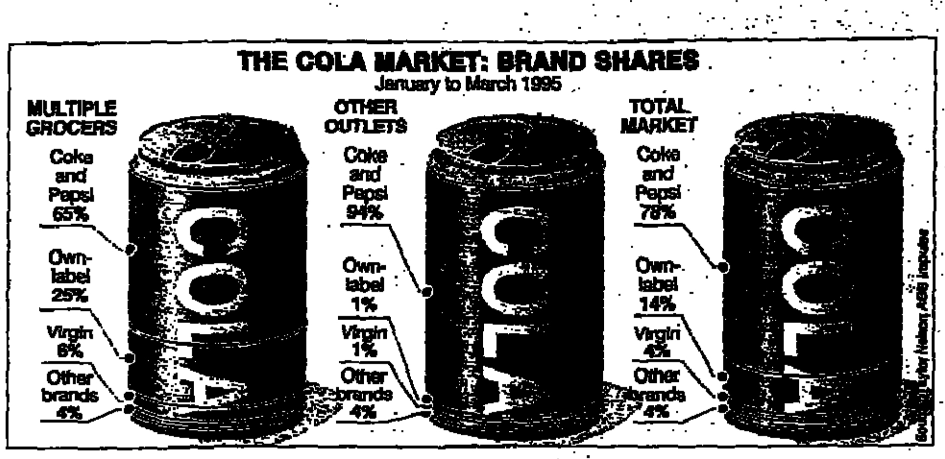
Among the fascinations of Briggs's tome is the reminder of the many able directors-general the BBC might have had. What a wealth of talent was discarded in Colin Shaw, David Attenborough, Michael Peacock, Jeremy Isaacs or Paul Fox. Not Donald Baverstock; the creative genius associated with *Tonight* and *That Was The Week That Was*, as his recent obituaries made clear, was too volatile for the BBC's, or his own, good.)

THE REAL SHOCK of the book, however, comes in its preface. Briggs reports that in 1992, the BBC disbanded its history of broadcasting unit. There will be, therefore, no Volume Six to give posterity the long view of the 1970s and 1980s: the Annan committee, the early days of Channel 4 and breakfast television, the sacking of Alasdair Milne, the dawn of Birtism and the broadcasting ban on the voice of Gerry Adams *et al*.

You might think that the dominant national broadcaster needs a historian quite as much as it needs management consultants. But wiser heads have ruled otherwise. Any future history of the BBC, therefore, will have to find another patron, or finance itself on the open market, which is unlikely to pay Martin Amis-like figures for the privilege.

- *Competition 1955-1974: The History of Broadcasting in the United Kingdom Volume V, by Asa Briggs. Oxford University Press, £45*

Cola's two big names, own-brand labels and Virgin are now engaged in serious battle



The winner takes the can

British consumers are about to witness a frenzied bout of marketing in the cola wars. Soft drinks executives have noted a dramatic spurt in cola sales through supermarkets in the first three months of the year. Now, as summer beckons, they are preparing for an even more heated exchange of marketing fire power.

According to Nielsen, the market analysts, in the normally slack first quarter of the year cola sales through supermarkets went up by more than 18 per cent. Taylor Nelson AGB, which researches household shopping, reports a similar leap. Neither will comment, however, on specific brand shares, but according to industry sources, over the past year Coca-Cola's share of supermarket sales has gone down from 44 per cent to 32 per cent, Pepsi is down from 18 to 13 per cent, sales of own-label cola have gone up from 20 to 36 per cent and Virgin has grabbed 9 per cent of the market. Yet, so far, all sides in the cola war claim to be winning.

Nick Kirkbride, Virgin's trading managing director, puts the supermarket sales explosion down to three factors. First, the cola wars have captured the public's imagination. Then real value is being offered, and the retailers are now developing marketing programmes that are beginning to make the most of cola's potential. "There is a set of consumers who are coming back again and again and again," Mr Kirkbride says.

But both the big brands are beginning to retaliate against the intruders. Pepsi has beefed up its local marketing department, and is investing heavily in a Cindy Crawford advertising campaign that is designed to make Coca-Cola look like the choice of an older, fuddy-duddy generation.

Pepsi is planning what Tim Davie, its UK marketing director, promises will be it's "biggest ever" marketing assault. "The concept of Coke as *the* cola is being eroded," he says.

Coca-Cola is also taking a lofty stance. It is a "phenomenon" in its own right, says Gavin Darby, Coke's North West Europe president. He refuses to make comparisons with lesser products such as Pepsi, Sainsbury's Classic or Virgin. "Our target is all people, all consumption occasions, at all times of the day. We are in the business of competing with all beverages including fruit juices, waters, tea and coffee," Mr Darby says.

Compared with more mature markets, such as Mexico and the United States, Britain's cola industry is stuck back in 1965, he adds. Across the Atlantic, consumers guzzle an average of 300 Coca-Cola drinks each year. In the UK per capita per consumption is half that.

Coca-Cola has been "undermarketed" in the UK, he continues. So this year he is doubling the UK marketing budget, attempting to focus as much consumer attention as he can on Coke's famous contour bottle — a global icon that underlines its claim to be the real thing. "Before our vending machine is placed in an office, hot beverages have 100 per cent share of the market. Afterwards you have a radical shift in consumption," he points out.

"Our strategy is working very nicely. We are gaining share within colas which are disproportionately gaining share within carbonates, which are disproportionately gaining share within soft drinks, which are disproportionately gaining share within commercial beverages. In the UK in 1985 we had a 19 per cent share of the carbonate market. Now we have 32 per cent. At the same time private label has increased from 14 per cent to 16 per cent."

Mr Darby claims he is "delighted" by the battle that is now taking place in the supermarkets. Normally, he says, "the market-building strain is taken exclusively by us. The noise and hype surrounding Sainsbury's Classic and Virgin Cola is being disproportionately constructive by attracting new consumers to the market".

ALAN MITCHELL

Fighting a war on two fronts

Most people must be aware by now of the war taking place in the cola market, as the big two, Coke and Pepsi, come under attack from retailers' own-label brands and, lately, from Virgin Cola. But listening to the communiqués from all sides, the average observer may wonder what exactly is happening and who is winning. Grocery retailers and Virgin say they are carving out an ever-growing share of the market, while the big two state equally firmly that their sales have hardly been affected. Curiously, all the claims seem accurate.

To understand how this can be it should be realised that, excluding what is drunk in pubs and restaurant, the cola market splits into two parts. First, there are the purchases made by shoppers as part of the groceries to take home. The great majority of these are from the multiple supermarket chains, on which most marketing attention has, until now, been focused.

From a marketing viewpoint, this sector can be distinguished from impulse purchases made mainly through other outlets and mostly consumed on the spot. These casual buys have been more difficult to measure, but Taylor Nelson AGB's Impulse Panel now covers this area allowing the two market sectors, to be examined separately — for the first time.

Fifty-six per cent of colas are now bought through multiple grocers and Co-ops, and the remaining 44 per cent from independents and other outlets, including garages and vending machines. The market structures in these two sectors are very different.

The own-label developments really affect the multiple supermarket sector only and here Coke and Pepsi are being challenged strongly by Sainsbury's Classic and Safeway's Select, and by the launch in Tesco of Virgin.

In non-multiples, the major brands continue to take a 94 per cent share. But the own-label launches and the great publicity they generated increased the market for cola in grocery multiples and in the first quarter of 1995 this grew by 18 per cent. This was mainly at the expense of sales through other outlets, although the total market grew by 3 per cent in expenditure terms and, given the price discounts of own-label products, consumption in volume terms rose even more.

Both Pepsi and Coke are obviously taking the threats seriously, as can be seen from their enlarged 1995 advertising budgets. But the fact that the main cola brands have limited their losses, while maintaining a 40 per cent price premium, offers food for thought. It draws particular attention to a vital distinction between different types of fast-moving consumer goods.

Those like soft drinks and confectionery, which are sold through a wide variety of outlets, and bought, often on impulse, by all consumers are likely to be in a better position to stand up against retailers than those bought mainly by housewives as part of their main grocery shopping. As research on impulse purchasing improves, the full marketing implications of this dichotomy are becoming clearer but, as so many reports about the cola market have demonstrated, not everyone is yet aware of this fact.

DR STEPHAN BUCK

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Court of Appeal

Validity offers no criminal defence

Regina v Wicks

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Mantell and Mr Justice Keene

[Judgment April 10]

The decision to issue an enforcement notice could not be challenged on the ground of irrelevant matters, perversity and bad faith as in *Wednesbury Corporation v Associated Provincial Picture Houses Ltd* ([1948] 1 KB 223) by way of defence to an indictment alleging an offence contrary to section 179(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by Peter Edward Wicks, aged 52, of Birchington, Kent, from conviction at Canterbury Crown Court (Judge Rooke, QC) on a change of plea to guilty after a ruling by the judge that the alleged invalidity of an enforcement notice not bad on its face could not be raised as a defence to the charge.

The appellant was charged with failure to take steps required by an enforcement notice within the compliance period contrary to section 179(1) of the 1990 Act, in that he failed to remove all parts of a building erected on land to the rear of houses in Tivoli Road and Buckingham Road, Margate. He was bound over for 12 months to come up for judgment if called upon to do so.

Mr Keith Hornby, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Richard Humphreys for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE KEENE, giving the judgment of the court, said that their Lordships had carried out an extensive review of the authorities and had found that no previous decision clearly determined the issue in relation to enforcement notices under the town and country planning legislation.

Section 179(2), which dealt with offences arising from non-compliance with such notices, provided: "Where the owner of the land is in breach of an enforcement notice he shall be guilty of an offence."

So long as the enforcement notice was not a nullity, patently defective on its face, it was an enforcement notice and would remain so until it was quashed. For an offence under section 179(2) to be proved in criminal proceedings, the prosecutor was under no requirement to call evidence to establish that the decision of the local planning authority to issue the notice was valid and within its powers.

Only the High Court had the jurisdiction to quash an enforcement notice. No criminal court had that power.

The practical considerations in favour of such an approach were persuasive, as the present case illustrated. Some of the local planning authority's objections to the new building operations were that they would be an undesirable form of backland development, would involve an intensification of use with unsatisfactory access.

All those matters would involve a consideration of the relevant policy documents, to determine whether the issuing of the enforcement notice was perverse in a *Wednesbury* sense.

For those matters to be dealt with by expert evidence and cross-examination before a jury, or even before a crown court judge sitting alone, was not appropriate. The same would be true of most ultra vires bases of challenge. On the other hand, such arguments were the everyday concern of the Crown Office list judges, who dealt with judicial review applications.

There might be exceptional cases where some proper ground for challenge to the validity of the council's decision only came to light some time later as a prosecution was about to be pursued.

The appropriate procedure would be for the defendant to raise that matter as the basis of an application for an adjournment of the trial, on his undertaking to apply for judicial review to quash the notice. If there were a sound basis for such an adjournment the trial judge could as a matter of discretion doubtless grant it and, if the belated discovery of the matter were true, there would normally be good reason for the time limit for judicial review to be extended.

Their Lordships concluded that the crown court judge was right in his ruling that, unless the enforcement notice was invalid on its face and thus a nullity, it was not open to the defence to go behind it and to seek to investigate the validity of the decision to issue it.

Solicitors: Mr P. W. Borley, Margate.

Landlord's agent not liable in harassment

Sampson and Another v Wilson and Others

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Aldous

[Judgment March 22]

Sections 27 and 28 of the Housing Act 1988 imposed liability on the landlord alone to pay damages to a tenant who had been unlawfully deprived of his occupation of premises by the harassment of the landlord or a person acting on his behalf. Accordingly, no claim for damages under the 1988 Act could lie against the landlord's agent as a joint tortfeasor.

The Court of Appeal so ruled on the appeal of the plaintiffs, Adolphus Sampson and Hans Kohlbacher, against Judge Roger Cooke, who, sitting as a judge of the High Court had, inter alia, (i) dismissed their claim against the first defendant, Osmond Wilson, (ii) awarded against the second defendant, Emmerson Mitchell and the third defendant, Cortez Clarke, damages for the former's tortious conduct prior to the plaintiffs' departure from the premises and damages to be assessed under sections 27 and 28 of the 1988 Act and (iii) dismissed the claim by the plaintiffs, as equitable receivers of all causes of action vested in Mr Clarke, for contribution against Mr Wilson.

The plaintiffs were tenants of residential premises owned by Mr Clarke, who had appointed Mr Wilson as his managing agent. Mr Wilson became seriously ill and handed over the management to Mr Mitchell. Mr Clarke had gone abroad and was not involved in acts of harassment committed by Mr Mitchell which made the plaintiffs' occupation of the premises intolerable and caused them to leave.

The Court of Appeal remitted to the judge for determination the first question on the appeal: whether, as the plaintiffs as equitable receivers had asserted, Mr Clarke was entitled as principal to be indemnified by Mr Wilson against the liabilities to which he became exposed as a result of the latter's failure to discharge his duties as agent competently. Following Mr Wilson's death and the grant of letters of administration to his widow the claims proceeded against his estate.

Mr Adrian Jack for the plaintiffs; Mr Peter Leighton for Mrs Wilson on behalf of the estate.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, having dealt with the contribution issue, said that the second submission on the appeal took as its starting point the fact that Mr Clarke had been held to be a statutory tortfeasor liable to pay damages under the 1988 Act, and proceeded on the basis that Mr Wilson as his agent was also liable as joint tortfeasor in respect of that claim.

His Lordship rejected that argument. The language of sections 27 and 28 precluded such a claim.

In reaching that conclusion he attached importance to the contrast in the language of section 27(1) and (2), which referred to acts of harassment by the landlord "or any person acting on his behalf" with that of section 27(3) which stated that where subsections (1) and (2) applied "the landlord shall be liable..." and did not repeat the reference to "any person acting on his behalf".

Thus the landlord might be rendered liable by what he did or by what was done on his behalf, but the language made it clear that only he was liable.

His Lordship also attached significance to the compensation formula in section 28 which was apt to prevent a landlord profiting from Rachmanite activities and expropriate his notional gains.

But it was not apt when applied to a person, not the landlord, acting on his behalf who might himself have made little or no personal gain. The provisions were aimed at landlords, not agents: agents were liable for their own personal torts.

In reaching his conclusion his Lordship differed from the tentative view expressed obiter by Lord Justice Dillon, with which Lord Justice Leggatt had concurred, in *Jones v Miah* (*The Times* April 10, 1992; [1992] 24 HLR 578). His Lordship concluded that the statutory language was a conclusive bar to a claim against Mr Wilson under the 1988 Act.

Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Aldous agreed.

Solicitors: Ziadies, Brixton; Leigh Williams, Bromley.

Unpaid community charge part of administration order

Preston Borough Council v Riley and Another

A liability for unpaid community charge under the Local Government Finance Act 1988 was a "debt" for the purpose of Part IV of the County Court Act 1984, formed part of the debtor's "whole indebtedness" and should be included in an administration order under section 112(6) of the Act.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice Hobhouse and Sir Roger Parker) so held on March 23 allowing an appeal by Susan Marie Riley and Christopher Edward Riley against a decision of Judge Holt in Preston County Court on August 13, 1993 excluding the appellants' community charge debt from the scope of the administration order granted to the appellants by District Judge Turner on March 24, 1993.

LORD JUSTICE HOBHOUSE said the words "debt" and "indebtedness" in the 1984 Act were unqualified and on their ordinary meaning included the unpaid community charge. There was nothing in the Act to show that a narrower meaning was intended.

That position had not been changed by the Local Government Finance Act 1988 or the Community Charge (Administration and Enforcement) Regulations (SI 1989 No 438).

Power to alter interest rate

Southern and District Finance plc v Barnes and Another

***J and J Securities Ltd v Ewart* and Another**

Equity Home Loans Ltd v Lewis

Before Lord Justice Leggatt, Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Aldous

[Judgment March 23]

A county court had power to make an order under section 129 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 giving a debtor time to pay any sum due and owing under a regulated agreement or security. Where possession proceedings had been brought by a creditor that sum would normally comprise the total indebtedness.

Where a time order was made when the sum owed was the whole of the outstanding balance due under the loan the court could alter the rate of interest payable on all the unpaid instalments under section 136 of the Act.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment: (i) allowing the appeal of Gerald and Gillian Barnes against the dismissal by Mr Assistant Recorder Peter Crampin, QC, at Bedford County Court on September 27, 1993 of their application for a time order in respect of sums owed to Southern and District Finance plc under a loan agreement; (ii) allowing the appeal of Maurice and Barbara Ewart against the decision of Judge Townend at Blackpool County Court on November 15, 1993 making an order for possession of their house in favour of J and J Securities Ltd to whom they owed money under a loan agreement; and (iii) dismissing the appeal of Equity Home Loans Ltd against the order of Judge Robert at Cardiff County Court on March 14, 1994 granting Delores Lewis a time order in relation to the repayment of a loan.

Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Jan Luba for the borrowers in the first appeal; Mr Jan Luba for the borrowers in the second and third appeals; Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC and Mr Jonathan Seitler for Southern and District Finance; Mr Peter Wulwik for J and J Securities and Equity Home Loans.

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said that the appeals concerned the powers of the county court in relation to applications for time orders under sections 129 and 136 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974.

The first issue was as to the meaning of "any sum owed" within the scope of a time order. Mr Beloff argued that to be "owed" a sum did not have to be immediately payable.

The second issue was as to the scope of the power given by section 136 to include in a time order "such provision as it considers just for amending any agreement or security in consequence of a term of the order".

In his Lordship's judgment:

1 When a time order was applied for, or a possession order sought of land to which a regulated agreement applied, the court must first consider whether it was just to make a time order. That would involve consideration of all the circumstances of the case, and of the position of the creditor as well as the debtor.

2 When a time order was made, it should normally be made for a stipulated period on account of temporary financial difficulty. If, despite the giving of time, the debtor was unlikely to be able to resume repayment of the total indebtedness by at least the amount of the contractual instalments, no time order should be made. In such circumstances it would be more equitable to allow the regulated agreement to be enforced.

3 When a time order was made relating to the non-payment of money: (a) the "sum owed" meant every sum which was due and owing under the agreement, but where possession proceedings had been brought by the creditor that would normally comprise the total indebtedness; and (b) the court must consider what instalments would be reasonable both as to amount and timing, having regard to the debtor's means.

4 The court might include in a time order any amendment of the agreement, which it considered just to both parties, and which was a consequence of a term of the order. If the rate of interest was amended, it was relevant that smaller instalments would result both in a liability to pay interest on accumulated arrears and, on the other hand, in an extended period of repayment. But to some extent the high rate of interest usually payable under regulated agreements already took account of the risk that difficulties in repayment might occur.

5 If a time order was made when the sum owed was the whole of the outstanding balance due under the loan, there would inevitably be consequences for the term of the loan or for the rate of interest or both.

6 If justice required the making of a time order, the court should suspend any possession order that it also made, so long as the terms of the time order were complied with.

Against that background his Lordship considered and disposed of each of the appeals.

Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Aldous agreed.

Solicitors: Batcheldors, Bedford; Lancashire Free Legal Action Centre, Blackpool and Bobbetts Mackan, Bristol; Graham Harvey; Michael R. Jaye & Co, St John's Wood and Brand Montague, Harrow.

Fraud involves detriment to plaintiff

Grant v Travellers Cheque Associates Limited

Before Lord Justice McCowan, Lord Justice Ward and Sir Roger Parker

[Judgment March 16]

An allegation of dishonesty by a defendant was not sufficient to entitle a plaintiff to have his action tried with a jury pursuant to section 66(3)(a) of the County Courts Act 1984 because a charge of fraud involved actionable deceit and the defendant had not acted to his detriment.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by the defendants, Travellers Cheque Associates Ltd, against the order of Judge Graham, QC, at Shoreditch County Court on January 17, 1994 that the action by the plaintiff, Paul Valentine Grant, be tried with a jury, pursuant to section 66(3)(a) of the 1984 Act.

Section 66 of the 1984 Act provides: "(3) Where... the court is satisfied that there is in issue — (a) a charge of fraud against the party making the application... the action shall be tried with a jury..."

Mr Simon Redmayne for the defendants; Mr Michel Aslangul for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN said that the plaintiff had applied for an order that his action be tried with a jury pursuant to section 66(3)(a) on the ground that fraud was alleged against him by the defendant in the pleadings.

The plaintiff had claimed £5,300 in respect of travellers cheques issued by American Express which he claimed had been lost or stolen. American Express had refused to reimburse him.

The defendants, relying on *Barclays Bank Ltd v Cole* ([1967] 2 QB 738) argued that it was not a case which could be tried with a jury.

His Lordship read *Cole* as plainly deciding that the words "a charge of fraud" in section 6(1) of the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1933 were a term of art amounting to actionable deceit. If that was right, there was no actionable deceit in the present case as the defendants had not acted to their detriment.

The Court of Appeal in *Cole* could have simply said that fraud was deceit minus detriment. But they did not, they said that fraud was actionable deceit. In his Lordship's judgment, the court was bound by that decision.

Parliament had seen fit to continue to use the expression "a charge of fraud" in the 1984 Act. It could have chosen to alter the words to cover dishonesty or deceit less detriment but it had chosen to leave the words exactly as they were, with the interpretation put upon them by the Court of Appeal in *Cole*.

That strengthened his Lordship's belief that the court was bound by that decision. A charge of fraud was not in issue in the present action and the appeal would be allowed.

Lord Justice Ward and Sir Roger Parker gave concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Glovers; H. M. Rose & Co, Stamford Hill.

Council liable for damage from its tree roots

Paterson and Another v Humberside County Council

Where trees had caused subsidence to property by drying out soil that was of medium shrinkability the damage was foreseeable and the local council responsible for the trees was liable in nuisance and negligence.

Mr Roger Toulson, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held giving judgment for the plaintiffs, Michael Paterson and Betty Paterson, in their claim for damages for nuisance and negligence, arising from subsidence causing cracks in their house, but refusing their claim for breach of statutory duty under section 96 of the Highways Act 1980.

HIS LORDSHIP said that local authority advice to householders stated that the ground conditions in Hull generally consisted of a layered firmish alluvial clay underlain by softer clays and silts and medium shrinkability would be assumed.

His Lordship was therefore satisfied that the risk of damage by tree roots was foreseeable.

It might not have been thought likely unless there were drought conditions but that was not the test.

The plaintiffs were entitled to succeed in nuisance and negligence but not in their statutory claim as the trees in question were not planted pursuant to the council's powers under the 1980 Act.

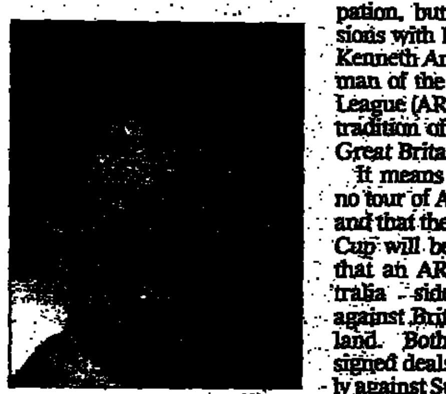
Report may open path between two rugby codes

By Christopher Irvine

A BLOCK on grants and National Lottery funding is among the recommendations expected in a report today by the House of Commons National Heritage select committee on relations between rugby union and rugby league.

Its publication follows the all-party committee's recent inquiry into the issue of amateurism and the distinction in the way players from the sports are treated, and coincides with the launch by David Hinchliffe, in the Commons, and Lord David Swinton, in the Lords, of the amended Sports (Discrimination) Bill.

Ministers must respond to the recommendations within 60 days. Although not obliged to take action, a damning verdict by the committee into the barring of rugby league players by the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) and Rugby Football Union might assist the chances of the Bill becoming law.



Ribot: play-off plans

Hinchliffe, secretary of the 80-strong Parliamentary Rugby League Group, claimed strong cross-party support for the measure, which sought an end to 100 years of discrimination against league players.

"The National Heritage committee's inquiry has highlighted the utter hypocrisy of the rugby union position and Parliament has tolerated this situation far too long," he said.

Last month, the IRFB ended its life-ban policy for rugby league players, but those wishing to return to union can only do so after three years and, then, only below national representative level. Rugby union's argument has been that it is protecting itself. If successful, legislation could effectively open up a path between the two codes.

Amateurism is defined in the Bill, which was initially blocked by Government whips and then killed after a second reading, as a sport in which there is no direct or indirect payment, benefit or other material reward.

Maurice Lindsay, chief executive of the Rugby Football League, told the committee in March that he no longer regarded rugby union as an amateur sport. "I think that they will be forced to admit that professionalism already exists and they will be reluctantly dragged into the modern century," he said.

Lindsay's prophetic words were spoken before Super League and its riches burst on to the rugby league scene, which has caused ranks on amateurism in rugby union to be broken, and severe rifts about the future of international rugby league.

Rugby league's centenary World Cup in England and Wales in October will go ahead with Australian participation, but in heated discussions with Lindsay in Sydney, Kenneth Arthurson, the chairman of the Australian Rugby League (ARL), said the 85-year tradition of Ashes series with Great Britain was at an end.

It means that there will be no tour of Australia next year, and that the three-week World Cup will be the last occasion that an ARL-sanctioned Australia side will compete against Britain and New Zealand. Both countries have signed deals to play exclusively against Super League teams in Australasia, Britain, and France from next March. However, Arthurson was in agreement with Lindsay that the World Cup should not be disrupted.

John Ribot, chief executive of the Super League, announced yesterday that sudden-death play-offs between the top four teams from the new Australasian and European competitions would take place in autumn next year.

"The No 1 and No 4 teams from Australia would go to Europe to play a double-header at Wembley while the No 1 and No 4 teams from Europe would come to Australia," Ribot said. "The games here would be played in Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane, depending on which was the most viable venue."

□ Salford, whose proposed merger with Oldham has been rejected by both clubs, has announced a redevelopment of the Willows, increasing capacity from 12,000 to 20,000, to boost the club's hopes of an individual place in the Super League.

Cayard chairs steering committee

David Miller in San Diego profiles the man helping to keep afloat Dennis Conner's quest to retain the America's Cup

The king is abdicating. In his bid to retain the America's Cup, Dennis Conner, from San Diego Yacht Club, for so long the supreme match-racing helmsman, is increasingly handing the wheel to a man almost 20 years his junior. In a jigsaw of a thousand pieces, among three remaining defender candidates and two challengers, this may yet be the most significant move.

Paul Cayard, also sailing his home waters off Point Loma, was, ironically, the protégé of the late, flamboyant Tom Blackaller: a buccaneer racer and rival whom Conner much disliked for his taunting, off-the-cuff comments and strategies. Blackaller accused Conner of being an automaton. Cayard combines Blackaller's seat-of-the-pants instinct with Conner's precision.

Cayard, 35, took the helm throughout a mesmerising duel between *Stars & Stripes* and *Young America* last Saturday, an historic sea battle during two and a half hours that Cayard won by ten feet. He helmed again in the controversial defeat on Monday in which he legitimately forced *Mighty Mary* into evasive tactics, causing a breakage. There is little doubt that the afterguard [cockpit] combination of Conner, the master skipper, now 53, Cayard, and Tom Whidden, a veteran tactician sailing his sixth campaign with Conner, has unrivalled talent.

The tactical complexity of head-to-head match racing in the new 75ft America's Cup-class "dinghies" exceeds anything else in competitive sport. Cayard is becoming a grand master among the elite of marine chess players in this protracted event.

He was helmsman for *Il Moro di Venezia*, from Italy, the challenger defeated in 1992 in Conner's fourth successful defence. When Gardini, *Il Moro's* owner, committed suicide, Cayard had to seek another boat.

"I had expected Dennis to steer," Cayard said, having been enlisted to assist the under-budget *Stars & Stripes*. "When Dennis asked me to helm, I was flattered. Even if he'd observed that I could do better, it's his programme and his boat. We're making it work, and we've surprised many people."

What has impressed Cayard is Conner's willingness to gamble, off the water, in tuning the boat's technology one way or another. Cayard would prefer a level playing field and then depend on his own tactical ability.

"Dennis will take a risk in the hope of getting an edge," Cayard said. "My way, you don't have much of a cushion, but I know I can win if I sail well. I guess Dennis knows we need something extra — that if the three defenders are basically the same ... then we'll come third because we have the least money."

The technical gamble will always be an element in a boat class that has always been development-orientated. The give-away today, the indication that *Stars & Stripes* is probably technically inferior to one if not both the rival defenders, comes from Whidden when commenting on the one-second victory. "There were two great boats out there — or well-sailed boats, not necessarily great boats."

Whidden had admitted they were on the ropes before the surprise opening three victories of the round-robin final. It is he who is the tie-breaker over any divided opinion between Cayard and Conner on steering strategy.

The attraction of Cayard as a competitor is that he does not duck the truth. He is openly embarrassed by the rule manipulation that kept *Stars & Stripes* in contention after being eliminated when finishing last in the semi-finals.

"The issue needs to be debated," he said. "There is the defence committee's interest — getting the best boat — and the event's interest. As a competitor, I was happy with the compromise [being readmitted] but it was a bad move for the public, who had been led to expect a two-boat defenders' final. We've gone down a ten-year road, making the event more objective, more consumer-friendly, so this was a regression."

Cayard is equally blunt about rivalry with *Mighty Mary's* women. "Some of our crew who were previously with *America*^{3} were extremely sensitive at the prospect of the women winning," he said, "and that the boat was given to the women merely to make a statement, instead of having the best crew. So our fellows are highly motivated. Dennis and I view the women as just another competitor. They have a good boat, we have to beat them, and I'm not worked up about the aftermath of possible defeat."

Cayard, whose open approach and instinctive skills have enlivened the America's Cup campaign of *Stars & Stripes*. Photograph: Sally Samins

Russell Coutts and his *Team New Zealand* crew moved to within a race of winning the right to challenge for the America's Cup by beating *oneAustralia*, skippered by John Bertrand, yesterday and Leslie Egnot's women's team brought Dennis Conner's winning roll to an abrupt halt to force a three-way tie in the defender finals.

Might Cantona find touch of Common Man?

Jose Canseco has been standing on the picket lines, in support of the striking baseball umpires. What a bizarre thought. This baseball superstar, this slugger of legend, this man famous for his arrogance and his impossible nature, is apparently standing up for the Common Man.

I have never met Canseco, but I have interviewed his locker. I waited there in the changing-rooms for Canseco to show up after a game in the World Series. He didn't, of course. Not for him the humdrum routines of stardom.

So what was he doing out on the picket line? Was he seeking the Common Touch, that strange and elusive quality possessed by some athletes, including great stars?

A star with the Common Touch is — or, rather, seems to be — an ordinary, human blokish sort of bloke who just happens to be better at sport than you and me. Or, let us define by negatives: he is everything that Eric Cantona is not.

Canseco has plenty of Cantona qualities. You could imagine Cantona on a picket line, yes, but he would be wearing some ludicrously inappropriate garment, a figure visible from time to time through a sea of photographers. A person as incognito as Marilyn Monore, or the Pope.

But you imagine, say, Alan Shearer on a picket line. Look at those blokes standing in the cold. That one in the middle looks just like the England centre forward. Hang on ...

Some athletes, possessors of exquisite skills, extraordinary abilities, are clearly not like the rest of us. Cantona, Christie, Gower, Best: their skills stem from a blindingly obvious singularity of nature.

But Shearer, voted the professionals' player of the year last week, remains not godling but bloke. Aye, an' a good'un; not flash, not arrogant, and worth every penny of his hard-earned fortune. Aye, lad, he's a *champion* champion.

Shearer's style of football is not dazzling, like Cantona's. But enormous style does not rule out the Common Touch. Jimmy White, perhaps the most brilliant ball-player in snooker history, is, as ever, the people's champion.

Not even arrogance itself rules out the Common Touch. Brian Clough, a man whose arrogance makes Cantona look like a Franciscan monk, remains well-loved in his retirement. Nor is it a question of politics; his stand-up-and-be-counted Labour-voting is not the secret of his popularity.

Partly, it was his reckless readiness to take on the bosses and the brass. And partly, too, it was the air of disappointment that he always carried with him. He was the man the people wanted, but he was never England manager.

Nigel Mansell certainly possesses the Common Touch, almost in overplus. A colleague of mine wrote splendidly that he always expected Mansell, when driving into the pits, to ask for the stamps. "Have I got enough for the mug yet?" Mansell took great offence at this: but that is why Nige is loved. He's a bloke, you see. He just drives a bit quicker than you and me.

Ian Botham has always had the Common Touch. He was a man who could be forgiven anything. Even his failures, it seemed, stemmed from a good heart, a yeomanly appetite, and a desire to do well.

Botham, in retirement, milks this genuine Common Touch for all that it is worth: pantomime, *Question of Sport*, road show and all that. He is making the dangerous journey from common man to self-caricature, a route already worn smooth by the passage of Fred Trueman.

Of course, it is not true that great athletes who possess the common touch really *are* ordinary blokes. They would not be capable of doing extraordinary things if they really were just like us.

The ambition of Mansell is, still, a thing of ferocity. The combativeness of Botham is, or was, something quite out of the ordinary. Clough has always been a man of alarming singularity. The Common Touch is as elusive of definition as it us unmistakable.

Does it have something to do with fallibility? Canseco is always remembered for the most glorious fielding error in history: back, back, back for a soaring flyball; now zooming down at him out of the sun. He lost it. The ball bounced off his head — and into the stands for a home run. Has that moment of utter humiliation given him, despite everything, a rapport with the common man?

And will Eric emerge from his community service, a sentence that began yesterday, as a new man, a man humbled and enriched, a man with the Common Touch? *Pourquoi pas?* Nothing in life is quite so capricious as sport.

MIDWEEK VIEW

SIMON BARNES

COURAGE FIRST XV

COURAGE BEST WEEKLY SCORE

This week's clear winner, with no fewer than five of his selection scoring in excess of 100 rated points is Mr D. Green of Pontypridd, whose impressive score of 835 is more than 140 points ahead of his nearest rival. Mr Green wins two cases of Courage Best and a fully installed BT satellite system, plus five cases of Courage beer, a Courage Best England shirt and a ball signed by the England team for his nominated club.

Mr P. Hyland of Hull has jumped from third to challenge second-placed Steve Blake and last week's leader Major McCubbin for the £10,000 first prize in the main competition. But with two weeks still remaining, Mrs Saverimutto, Mr Brooke and Mr Messer are close behind and very much in contention. In the competition covering the second half of the season Mr Nicholas loses the lead to Mr Hutcheson of Northolt in Middlesex, with Mrs Howard still third.

THE LEADING 60 ENTRIES OVERALL

Pos Team name	(Selector)	Week points	Cum points
1 Fab City XV	Mr P Hyland	251	5121
2 Who Ate The Pies	Mr Steve Blake	183	5118
3 Amor Fidelis	Maj A McCubbin	19	4977
4 Savvy Superstars	Mrs P Saverimutto	116	4965
5 Blue And Whites	Mr D Brook	197	4957
6 Messers Marauder	Mr Tim Messer	275	4901
7 Baby in Waiting	Mr Gary Flame	116	4678
8 Toppers XV	P Gorring	0	4614
9 Waltham Fifteen	Mr Simon Stone	115	4570
10 Newly Gnomes	RW Eaton	64	4548
11 Gosforth To Go U	Mr I Redd	46	4542
12 Grand Slam First	Mr A E Jones	590	4495
13 Earwigs	P Ball	280	4471
14 Windsor's XV	Mr W Roberts	590	4460
15 Woodstock First	Mr T C Jay	408	4411
16 Linden	Mr A Nusbold	171	4403
17 Super Side Steps	Mr Andrew Stackbeck	231	4393
18 The Stowen Troja	Mr M Jones	434	4369
19 Price Warriors	J Richards	65	4360
20 Sammy's Choice	Mr Tim Pearce	700	4337
21 The Welsh Exiles	Mr E G Shadbard	116	4336
22 No team name	DM Davies	368	4332
23 Maxwells City	Mr Garry Millen	265	4325
24 Harworthians	GR French	115	4323
25 Jones The Throw	Mr D Jones	371	4322
26 The Vice Squad	Mr AJ Pink	66	4322
27 Mala Flying XV	Mr M Horton	154	4316
28 Kirsty's Dream	Ms M Carter	18	4313
29 Wing Three Walks	RW Muir	271	4305
30 Mathew Fifteen	Mr C Mathew	379	4303
31 Simons Pie Men	Dr S Rowlee	411	4301
32 Die Two Allstars	CB Lines	288	4301
33 Rugby Specials	Mr D Corless	456	4298
34 Lavy's Turkey	Ms K Brown	351	4291
35 Pyle Pirates	Mr CL Barclay	171	4281
36 Barneys Bowmen	Mr AK Jenkinson	310	4277
37 No team name	Mr D MacNally	91	4273
38 No team name	Mr Bruce Miller	74	4271
39 Bath in Disguise	Mr MC Elbourn	254	4265
40 Selectorsloner 4	Mr L Deacon	479	4258
41 DLSP RFC	Mr M McCrum	35	4252
42 Slamming Homes	Mr Duncan Crane	68	4251
43 Wokesters	Mr Andy Watson	317	4249
44 Belmont	Mrs Farida McFarland	198	4241
45 The Canary 4th	Mr S Mingey	285	4241
46 No team name	DM Davies	308	4232
47 Big-b-fifteen	Mr R Cook	219	4229
48 Old Bosmerodians	Mr R Siddington	180	4224
49 Wabe's Wanderers	Mr MC Wabe	160	4215
50 Boot Money	Mr SAW Jones	96	4192
51 The Old Team Clu	Mr A Sykes	90	4178
52 Dirty Athers	Mr C Hall	91	4176
53 Brown Bottlers	Mr B Fraser	301	4172
54 No team name	Mr M Maslen	80	4168
55 Wilsons Wizards	Mr M Wilson	18	4165
56 Dribblings	Mr M Dickson	91	4155
57 Stonecrushers XV	M Downey	355	4153
58 Blue's Giants	Mr Patrick Armitage	85	4146
59 Woodbinders	Mr A Beeton	154	4145
60 Syncopy Best	Mr DC Graham	79	4144

THE LEADING 30 FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE SEASON

Pos Team name	(Selector)	Week points	Cum points
1 Hutchabiro 2nd X	D Hutcheson	365	2712
2 Humbug Players	Mr Mick Nicholas	88	2681
3 Whist	Mrs E Howard	55	2626
4 Morganbeaters	ML Jones	280	2607
5 Oscar's Rascals	Rev P Smith	250	2589
6 More Jones Boys	ML Jones	261	2577
7 Oval And Rugby	D Ban	574	2537
8 Flatty 15	Mr Richard Hollier	22	2536
9 Barnes NotAndrew	Mr Steve Smith	125	2532
10 Amalgamated Unio	Mr D Rae	370	2482
11 Horsley Tigers	Mr R Cross	479	2429
12 The Fat Boys	D Spencer	206	2396
13 Snicks	Mrs J Etheridge	371	2387
14 Courtfield	A Poole	370	2374
15 TyCoch Dads	BG Shepherd	66	2364
16 Royal New Greats	RE March	191	2361
17 Tricial	Mr T Kennedy	68	2319
18 Maniacs II	Mr MJ Slater	68	2304
19 Cherings	Mr A Stillos	121	2296
20 Highbury Casuals	CJ Ormandy	65	2290
21 The Army 1	Mr A Charles	331	2262
22 Travellers	Miss GT Williams	380	2249
23 The Army 3	Mr A Charles	80	2240
24 Sandy Welsh	DR Williams	204	2228
25 Betty 2	S Everard	195	2224
26 Abbeys Angels	S McCormack	18	2222
27 St Marychurch 4	SI Roberts	325	2212
28 Salyta 2	AG Finn	420	2209
29 No team name	Mrs CAV Sherman	56	2206
30 Rudey Whites	Mr P White	586	2181

NOTES:

1. The 15 new players with code numbers of 301 and above are in the second-half game only.
2. Any queries relating to any aspect of The Times Courage First XV should be addressed to the organisers at PO Box 600, Luton, LU2 0NZ, phone 0582-457444

THE SCORES FROM LAST SATURDAY'S LEAGUE GAMES AND CUMULATIVE POINTS TOTALS

PLAYER	RATING	ACTUAL PTS	RATED PTS	CUM PTS	CUM PTS 2ND HALF
15. FULL BACK					
LEAGUE 1					
1 J CALLARD	2K	11	22	294	124
2 P HULL	11	0	0	55	0
3 M MAPLETOFT	4K	0	0	340	95
4 D PEARS	15	0	0	0	0
5 W KILFORD	17	0	0	35	35
6 I HUNTER	13	0	0	130	65
7 S TABERNER	15	0	0	54	54
8 J MALLINDER	13	5	65	394	195
9 A BUZZA	17	0	0	0	0
10 K OLIPHANT	6K	0	0	324	12
LEAGUE 2					
11 R GEE	16	0	0	0	0
12 A PARKER	5K	5	25	435	115
13 R HENNESSY	13	0	0	380	95
14 D MILLARD	18	0	0	240	0
15 C DOSSETT	17	0	0	55	0
16 S MASON	6K	11	66	1115	510
17 M GALLAGHER	7K	5	35	844	210
18 A TUNNINGLEY	4K	6	24	658	155
19 M JACKSON	5K	13	65	960	475
20 S SWINDELLS	4K	2	8	598	216
14. RIGHT WING					
21 A SWIFT	10	0	0	200	50
22 D JOHN	12	0	0	120	120
23 P HOLFORD	14	0	0	560	280
24 J KEYTER	16	0	0	80	0
25 T UNDERWOOD	10	0	0	200	60
26 H THORNEYCROFT	15	0	0	75	75
27 J NAYLOR	12	0	0	120	60
28 S VERBICKAS	7	0	0	105	0
29 P HOPLEY	11	5	55	330	220
30 O EVANS	12	5	60	120	60
31 E EVANS	14	0	0	0	0
32 S RAVANAN	5K	5	45	385	90
33 M CORCORAN	6K	3	18	815	128
34 T WATSON	10	0	0	0	0
35 D HANSON	12	0	0	60	60
36 D CASADO	13	0	0	65	0
37 R BYRON	14	0	0	0	0
38 M KEMP	10	0	0	0	0
39 K MORLEY	13	0	0	195	0
40 G MEREDITH	14	0	0	0	0
301 S BARDEN	13	0	0	0	0
302 D PAYNE	12	0	0	60	60
13. OUTSIDE CENTRE					
41 P DE GLANVILLE	13	0	0	105	65
42 A SAVERIMUTTO	9	0	0	0	0
43 B MASLIN	17	0	0	0	0
44 G THOMPSON	15	0	0	240	0
45 I BATES	17	0	0	0	0
46 K MORGAN	16	0	0	0	0
47 S LANGFORD	7K	0	0	511	224
48 J BAXENDELL	17	0	0	255	85
49 D HOPLEY	14	0	0	420	0
50 A ELWINE	22	0	0	330	120
303 D EDWARDS	17	0	0	0	0
51 M CURTIS	22	0	0	0	0
52 P SAID	16	0	0	0	0
53 R HENDERSON	19	0	0	570	95
54 M BLY	23	0	0	115	115
55 J BONNEY	20	0	0	0	0
56 R WILKINSON	13	0	0	260	0
57 A FURLEY	22	0	0	330	0
58 J BUCKTON	18	0	0	270	95
59 A METCALFE	22	0	0	110	0
60 A NORTHEY	23	0	0	115	0
12. INSIDE CENTRE					
61 J GUSCOTT	10	0	0	0	0
62 R KNIBBS	13	0	0	0	0
63 S MORRIS	18	0	0	380	0
64 W CARLING	12	0	0	65	0
65 S POTTER	13	0	0	0	0
66 N BEAL	8	0	0	0	0
67 I WYNN	14	0	0	360	70
68 G STOCKS	17	0	0	340	170
69 G CHILDS	16	0	0	320	80
70 P HODDER	15	0	0	375	75
71 M LAKEY	12	0	0	132	0
72 S GOUGH	17	5	85	801	475
73 S BURNS	14	0	0	0	0
74 R ERICKSON	15	0	0	225	75
75 A KERR	7K	5	35	371	267
76 M TITLOW	20	0	0	100	100
77 S MUSTO	21	0	0	210	105
78 S RAVENSCROFT	19	0	0	0	0
79 P WHITE	20	0	0	300	300
80 A HANDLEY	13	0	0	0	0
11. LEFT WING					
81 S GEOGHEGAN	10	0	0	150	100
82 S CROSSLAND	12	0	0	0	0
83 T SMITH	5K	1	45	120	45
84 D O'LEARY	7	0	0	35	0
85 R UNDERWOOD	11	5	55	165	165
86 C MOIR	14	0	0	0	0
87 P HAMER	13	0	0	160	104
88 M APPLESON	16	0	0	160	0
89 S HUNTER	14	0	0	140	0
90 D COOKE	14	0	0	140	70
91 D WOODMAN	11	0	0	0	0
92 G ANDERTON	15	0	0	300	150
93 V ROLANDI	12	0	0	0	0
94 S WACHARY	9	0	0	171	0
95 E ANDERSON	14	0	0	140	140
96 T PENN	12	0	0	360	180
97 A SMALLWOOD	9	0	0	135	90
98 P HARRISS	12	0	0	360	120
99 R THOMPSON	13	10	140	455	250
100 S GREENHALGH	15	0	0	80	60
304 B POWRS	14	0	0	0	0
305 N ROBINSON	14	0	0	0	0
10. STAND OFF					
101 M CATT	10	5	50	300	50
102 M TAINTON	2K	15	30	382	135
103 L OSBORNE	10	0	0	280	220
104 P CHALLINOR	7K	13	91	655	301
105 J HARRIS	2K	0	18	244	112
106 P GRAYSON	3K	8	24	501	177
107 G AINSCOUGH	6K	5	30	165	120
108 P TURNER	3K	0	0	276	93
109 R ANDREW	2K	0	0	222	30
110 J STABLER	5K	0	0	50	0
111 R ANGELL	5K	3	15	450	150
112 I BARCLAY	17	7	119	680	357
113 O CORBE	22	0	0	572	300
114 M WALKER	5K	0	0	370	75
115 S HODGKINSON	5K	7	35	865	215
116 I CHANDLER	9K	0	0	45	0
117 N CARROLL	12	0	0	35	35
118 A LEE	13	0	0	416	117
119 R PETYT	10	0	0	80	0
120 K RYAN	24	0	0	720	384
9. SCRUM HALF					
121 I SANDERS	16	0	0	80	0
122 K BRACKEN	13	0	0	0	0
123 S FENLEY	15	0	0	0	0
124 R KITCHIN	15	0	0	90	90
125 A KARDOONI	19	0	0	95	0
126 M DAWSON	15	5	80	240	160
127 D MORRIS	12	0	0	120	60
128 C SAVERIMUTTO	22	0	0	0	0
129 S BATES	16	0	0	80	80
130 J WRIGLEY	14	0	0	0	0
131 M DOUGLAS	22	0	0	550	0
132 C O'TOOLE	25	0	0	115	0
133 R SAUNDERS	19	0	0	55	0
134 K TROUP	23	0	0	453	0
135 G BECCONSALL	20	0	0	100	100
136 S DOUGLAS	14	0	0	140	140
137 A ROYER	24	0	0	0	0
138 S DAVIES	18	0	0	0	0
139 D SCULLY	16	0	0	205	60
140 S WRIGHT	25	5	125	575	450
1. LOOSE HEAD PROP					
141 D HILTON	35	0	0	0	0
142 A SHARP	41	0	0	0	0
143 A WINDO	36	0	0	0	0
144 J LEONARD	35	0	0	0	0
145 G ROWNTREE	37	0	0	0	0
146 M HYNES	40	0	0	0	0
147 F WINSTANLEY	38	0	0	114	0
148 P SMITH	48	0	0	0	0
149 G HOLMES	37	0	0	0	0
150 P LANCASTER	44	0	0	0	0
151 G TREGLOAS	40	0	0	0	0
152 C BURNS	44	0	0	0	0
153 N DONOVAN	35	0	0	0	0
154 A STEWART	45	0	0	0	0
155 M LINNETT	30	0	0	150	0
156 M FRASER	30	0	0	0	0
157 M FREER	45	0	0	0	0
158 R ANDREWS	37	0	0	0	0
159 R SZABO	38	0	0	0	0
160 S PETERS	38	0	0	0	0
306 F WESSEMAN	44	0	0	0	0
307 R FULLER	35	0	0	0	0
2. HOOKERS					
161 G DAWE	34	0	0	0	0
162 M REGAN	40	0	0	200	0
163 D KEARSEY	38	0	0	0	0
164 B MOORE	35	0	0	175	0
165 R COCKERILL	38	0	0	0	0
166 A CLARKE	40	0	0	0	0
167 T REDMOND	38	0	0	0	0
168 S DIAMOND	35	0	0	0	0
169 K DUNN	38	0	0	0	0
170 S MITCHELL	31	0	0	0	0
171 D ADDLETON	48	0	0	0	0
172 A MOFFAT	47	0	0	0	0
173 R KELLAM	36	0	0	0	0
174 L MAIR	42	0	0	0	0
175 D BALL	36	0	0	0	0
176 A HETHERINGTON	33	0	0	495	330
177 D WEST	28	5	140	420	280
178 G BOTTERMAN	41	0	0	205	205
179 T GARNETT	37	5	185	370	185
180 M HAYTON	45	0	0	0	0
308 M DIXON	35	0	0	0	0
3. TIGHT HEAD PROP					
181 V UBOGU	30	0	0	100	100
182 D HINKINS	41	0	0	0	0
183 A DEACON	32	0	0	0	0
184 A MULLINS	38	0	0	0	0
185 D GARFORTH	35	0	0	0	0
186 C ALLEN	45	0	0	0	0
187 J CUNDICK	44	0	0	0	0
188 A SMITH	40	0	0	0	0
189 I DUNSTAN	37	0	0	195	0
190 D RUSBY	45	0	0	0	0
191 R HARDWICK	39	0	0	0	0
192 S RIGBY	40	0	0	0	0
193 G HALPIN	35	0	0	160	0
194 P BURNELL	42	0	0	0	0
195 N WEBBER	45	0	0	0	0
196 P VANZANDVLIET	32	0	0	320	160
197 A JACKSON	36	0	0	0	0
198 S WILSON	35	0	0	190	190
199 S MCMAIN	39	0	0	0	0
200 M BECKETT	36	0	0	0	0
4. LOCK RH					
201 N REDMAN	30	0	0	0	0
202 S SHAW	37	0	0	0	0
203 R WEST	41	0	0	0	0
204 A SNOW	30	0	0	0	0
205 M JOHNSON	32	0	0	320	0
206 N EDWARDS	36	0	0	0	0
207 C COOPER	37	0	0	0	0
208 D BALDWIN	31	0	0	155	0
209 R KINSEY	35	5	175	350	175
210 J DIXON	34	0	0	0	0
211 J HYDE	45	0	0	0	0
212 P O'NEIL	46	0	0	0	0
213 C HALL	42	0	0	210	210
214 A NESBET	40	0	0	0	0
215 G WATSON	36	0	0	0	0
216 J FOWLER	40	0	0	0	0
217 D HINDMARCH	45	0	0	0	0
218 M LANGLEY	43	0	0	0	0
219 S CROFT	40	0	0	0	0
220 P WHITE	48	0	0	240	0
5. LOCK LH					
221 A REED	38	0	0	0	0
222 A BLACKMORE	35	0	0	0	0
223 D SIMS	38	5	190	380	190
224 S DAVISON	40	0	0	0	0
225 M POOLE	34	0	0	0	0
226 M BAYFIELD	33	0	0	0	0
227 C CUSANI	40	0	0	0	0
228 R MCCARTNEY	38	0	0	0	0
229 N HADLEY	32	0	0	0	0
230 K WESTGARTH	46	0	0	0	0
309 J FOWLER	32	0	0	320	320
231 R MACKIE	37	0	0	0	0
232 J TAYLOR	38	0	0	0	0
233 A HIGGINS	38	0	0	180	0
234 R SCOTT	40	0	0	0	0
235 S LLOYD	36	0	0	0	0
236 G ARCHER	45	0	0	400	0
237 C GRAY	42	0	0	0	0
238 N BORROW	44	0	0	0	0
239 D FALKINGHAM	44	0	0	230	230
240 N ALLOTT	48	0	0	240	240
310 M BRIGHT	35	0	0	0	0

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP

PLAYER	RATING	ACTUAL PTS	RATED PTS	CUM PTS	CUM PTS 2ND HALF
6. BLIND SIDE FLANKER					
241 S OJOMOH	21	0	0	0	0
242 I PATTEN	24	0	0	120	0
243 P GLANVILLE	27	0	0	0	0
244 T COKER	25	0	0	0	0
245 J WELLS	24	0	0	0	0
246 P WALTON	22	0	0	0	0
247 P MANLEY	20	0	0	0	0
248 M KENRICK	19	0	0	0	0
249 M GREENWOOD	27	0	0	270	135
250 D MITCHELL	33	0	0	165	165
251 L CROFTS	34	0	0	0	0
252 G RUSSELL	34	0	0	0	0
253 J SHARKEY	30	0	0	0	0
254 I MORRISON	32	0	0	150	0
255 R POLL	29	0	0	145	0
256 M CORRY	30	0	0	300	100
257 N BERRY	30	0	0	0	0
258 J GREEN	29	0	0	840	420
259 P STEWART	22	0	0	180	0
260 D BLYTH	24	0	0	0	0
311 P IRONS	24	0	0	120	120
312 D WRIGHT	25	0	0	0	0
7. OPEN SIDE FLANKER					
261 J HALL	23	0	0	230	0
262 D EVES	20	0	0	500	0
263 I SMITH	28	0	0	0	0
264 R JENKINS	27	0	0	0	0
265 N BACK	13	0	0	0	0
266 D MERLIN	29	0	0	0	0
267 S REBBY	25	0	0	0	0
268 N ASHURST	30	0	0	450	150
269 L DALLAGLIO	27	0	0	675	270
270 A BROWN	29	0	0	435	290
271 J HORROBIN	32	0	0	180	0
272 I ASHTON	33	0	0	330	165
273 F NEARY	29	0	0	0	0
274 I DIXON	30	0	0	0	0
275 M ORD	28	0	0	0	0
276 N FRANKLAND	25	0	0	0	0
277 G REES	33	0	0	0	0
278 R HILL	16	0	0	150	150
279 J GRIFFITHS	34	0	0	0	0
280 P BUCKTON	33	5	165	495	165
313 S ROBINSON	24	0	0	0	0
8. NO 8					
281 B CLARKE	14	0	0	70	0
282 C BARROW	21	0	0	0	0
283 M NICHOLLS	22	0	0	0	0
284 C SHEASBY	20	0	0	200	0
285 D RICHARDS	18	0	0	0	0
286 T RODBER	16	0	0	150	90
287 D CLEARY	15	0	0	0	0
288 C VYVYAN	22	0	0	440	0
289 D RYAN	19	0	0	95	0
290 N WATSON	20	0	0	300	0
291 K HICKEY	16	0	0	0	0
292 N GREATOREX	21	0	0	0	0
293 C BIRD	17	0	0	255	255
294 D LECKIE	22	0	0	0	0
295 W HART	23	0	0	0	0
296 R ARNOLD	18	0	0	270	180
297 M BRADLEY	16	0	0	80	0
298 A DIPROSE	19	0	0	380	100
299 M SOWERBY	27	0	0	0	0
300 S BEELEY	29	0	0	145	0
314 R WAINWRIGHT	14	0	0	0	0
315 S OWEN	21	10	210	210	210

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RUGBY WORLD CUP 1995

Evans opts for youth in positive approach

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

WHETHER their progress is attended by success or failure, it will be exciting to follow Wales through their World Cup odyssey in South Africa next month. Their squad, announced yesterday in Cardiff, includes seven uncapped players and is backed by a promise from their coach that commits Wales to positive rugby, whoever the opponents may be.

"This squad is as good as any Wallabies squad I have worked with, and the players have to believe that, too." Alex Evans said. Since Evans, from Brisbane, helped to coach the only Australia team to win a grand slam on tour in Britain, in 1984, he is one of the few administrators with the pedigree to make such a statement after a season in which Wales suffered only the second five nations' championship whitewash in their history.

He also emphasised the virtue that has so characterised Australian teams of the past decade, the need to be a worthy competitor. "Our attitude will be to go out and win games and let the players express their talent," Evans said. "That's the only way forward in a World Cup. Australia won't go out to defend their status as champions but to put pressure on the opposition. We must go out in the same way."

That 11 of the 26-strong squad are from Cardiff, where Evans is director of rugby, matters not a jot. His is a short-term contract and he is entitled to the players he wants. Thus, four of the newcomers are from the league champions elect — Mark Bennett, Stuart Roy, Jonathan Humphreys and Andy Moore, whose rise at scrum half is remarkable as at least four players were ranked ahead of him at the start of the season.

Eight of the squad that completed the five nations' in disarray have gone while Nigel Walker's brave endeavour to clinch a place on the wing has failed. Walker, who dislocated a shoulder against England in February, scored three tries on his comeback for Cardiff against the Barbarians on Saturday but has been ruled out on medical advice.

But the two prop forwards whose season has been restricted by injury and suspension respectively, Ricky Evans and John Davies, have been chosen. It is Alex Evans's hope that sufficient games can be organised for both of them before departure to assist their match fitness but he has been delighted with their form in training, particularly Evans, who has made a spectacular recovery from the broken ankle sustained against France in January.

The coach intends to shuffle his players according to need. In training, Neil Jenkins has played centre as well as stand-off half, while Gareth Llewellyn is likely to play at blindside flanker rather than lock to increase lineout options.

"Both players are excited by the challenge and have adapted well," Evans said. "On the first day's training all the players were a bit nervous. On the second and third days they made progress and the fourth day was very exciting, the way they broke into the rhythm and pattern of the game we want to play."

That there is no place for Paul John, the Pontypridd scrum half, was particularly difficult since his father, Dennis, is an assistant national coach. "Dennis presented a very professional argument for every player and Pontypridd are very lucky to have a man of his calibre coaching their club," Evans said. But the form of Moore, 26 and an Oxford Blue in 1990, has been consistently good this season.

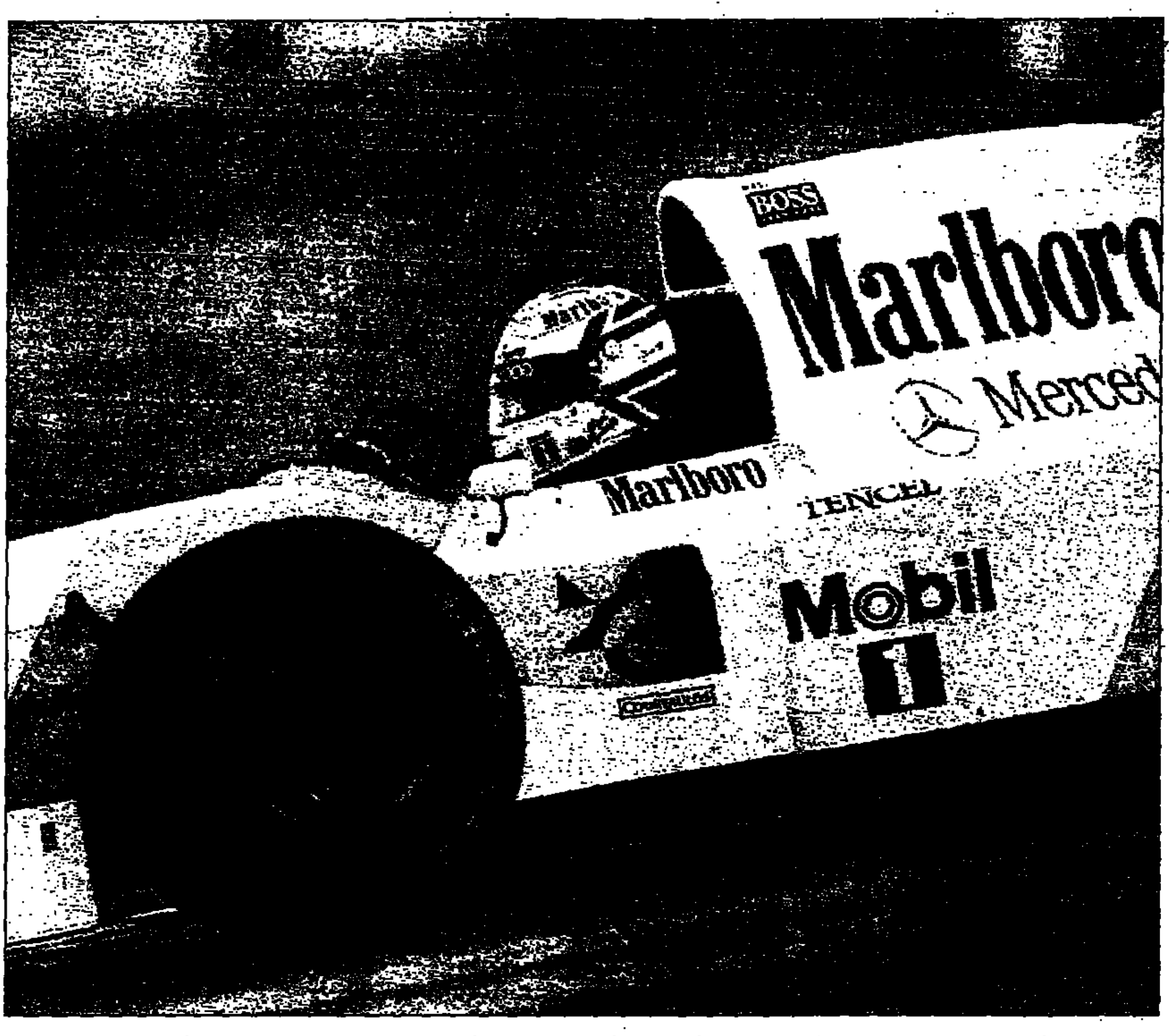
"A month ago I was pleased to be called into the Wales A squad," Moore said. "I don't think anyone would have thought it would come round like this." Now Moore's ambition is to oust Robert Jones. The latter and Ieuan Evans are the only survivors from the inaugural World Cup in 1987.

SQUAD

BACKS: A Clement (Swansea), A Davies (Cardiff), D Evans (Treorchy), I Evans (Llanelli), S Ford (Cardiff), M Hall (capt, Cardiff), N Jenkins (Pontypridd), R Jones (Swansea), A Moore (Cardiff), W Proctor (Llanelli), G Thomas (Bridgend), J Thomas (Cardiff Institute)

FORWARDS: M Bennett (Cardiff), J Davies (Neath), S Davies (Swansea), R Evans (Llanelli), M Griffiths (Cardiff), J Humphreys (Cardiff), G Jenkins (Swansea), S John (Llanelli), D Jones (Cardiff), E Lewis (Cardiff), G Llewellyn (Neath), G Prosser (Pontypridd), S Roy (Cardiff), H Taylor (Cardiff).

STAND-BY PLAYERS: M Back (Bridgend), M Taylor (Pontypool), A Williams (Swansea), P John (Pontypridd), A Dibble (Treorchy), L Mustoe (Cardiff), R McBryde (Llanelli), A Copsey (Llanelli), A Moore (Swansea), O Williams (Cardiff).



Nigel Mansell fitted safely into the McLaren-Mercedes for a test drive at Silverstone yesterday. Mansell has missed the first two grands prix of the Formula One season because the car is too small for him to race but he volunteered for development work on it in a three-day test. McLaren were confident a new car would be completed in time for him to compete in the San Marino Grand Prix next week.

Photograph: Mike Copps

Brown tells Scots to raise their pace

By Kevin McCarra

CRAIG BROWN, the Scotland manager, yesterday invited his team to undergo a change of personality. An admirable obduracy in their play has created optimism over their prospects in group eight of the European championship qualifier matches. That must, however, be replaced by ebullience for the tie in San Marino on 26 April. Brown, after naming his squad, recognised the true nature of this contest.

Even if a fusillade of goals is not necessary, since scores against the bottom two nations will be omitted should the group be determined on goal difference, pride alone demands a spectacle.

The manager made some circumspect references to the defeat of Blackburn Rovers by unfancied Trelleborgs FF in the Uefa Cup before conceding that "if we played San Marino in every game we would be expected to beat them every time". He also recognises that a trouncing is anticipated — even if that sort of demand does make managers squirm. "Drawing 0-0 with Russia in Moscow last month," he inisisted, "doesn't guarantee a big win in San Marino."

The trip to the tiny nation on the outskirts of Rimini presents a far more modest, yet utterly different, challenge. Brown's trust lies primarily with a defence that has come through its three away matches, in Finland and Greece as well as Russia, with the loss of a single goal. Even that came only from a dubiously awarded penalty in Athens.

Brown has far less scope for bragging when the forwards are under discussion, yet a match against San Marino should principally concern them. It is significant that the leading scorers in the squad, Paul McStay, with nine goals for his country, and John Collins, with eight, are midfield players. Strikers such as John McGinlay and Duncan Shearer, with just ten caps between them, have still to establish a track record.

In the Aberdeen forward, however, Brown recognises a man with the rare and almost inexplicable knack of forcing the ball into the net. "Shearer," the manager said, "could score with any part of his anatomy." McGinlay is also relied upon to be efficient with the chances that ought to be created in the Serravalle Stadium.

The squad carries more enterprise now that Pat Nevin has been restored and John Spencer, who had been injured, also returns. Yet again, Scotland must do without Duncan Ferguson, who, already suffering hamstring problems, is to undergo a hernia operation.

Outlook should matter more than personnel next week. Brown, however, still warned: "We can't just turn up. We've got to go out and be professional."

SCOTLAND SQUAD: T Boyd (Celtic), C Calderwood (Tottenham Hotspur), J Collins (Celtic), C Hendry (Blackburn Rovers), D Jackson (Hibernian), J Leighton (Hibernian), G McAllister (Leeds United), J McGinlay (Bolton Wanderers), S McKimmie (Aberdeen), W McKinlay (Dundee United), A McLaren (Rangers), P McStay (Celtic), B Martin (Motherwell), P Nevin (Tranmere Rovers), D Shearer (Aberdeen), J Spencer (Chelsea), N Walker (Partick), S Woods (Motherwell), S Wright (Aberdeen).

AC Milan walking on disciplinary tightrope

AC MILAN are heavily favoured to reach their fifth European Cup final in the past seven years when they defend a 1-0 lead from the first leg of their semi-final against Paris Saint-Germain in Italy tonight.

The holders, however, go into the match with criticism from Fabio Capello, their coach, ringing in their ears, and with no fewer than nine players one yellow card away from a suspension that would rule them out of the final. Capello was furious at his team's performance in the Milan derby on Saturday, won 3-1 by Internazionale.

The France champions, meanwhile, rested almost their entire first team for the match against Montpellier, and still won 3-0.

Two giants of the 1970s attempt to recapture past glories in the other semi-final as Ajax take on Bayern Munich in Amsterdam. Between them, they won Europe's premier club competition six times in succession from 1971 to 1976. They drew 0-0 in Munich a fortnight ago, making Ajax favourites to reach the final for the first time in 22 years. Ajax will be at full strength, while Bayern will be without the injured trio of Matthäus, Papin and Kostadinov.

Armour has world title challenge in his sights

AFTER three years as Commonwealth champion, Johnny Armour makes his move towards a boxing world title challenge tonight at Bethnal Green (Srikumar Sen writes). The Chatham bantamweight goes for the European title vacated by Naseem Hamed, of Sheffield, against Antonio Picardi, of Italy.

Armour should have met Johnny Bredahl, of Denmark, a former world super-flyweight champion, but the Dane had a hand injury, so Picardi stepped in. Mickey Duff, Armour's manager, believes that his man, unbeaten in 18 contests, should win inside the distance.

Confident start

Bowls: England began their defence of the Atlantic Rim outdoor title in Durban yesterday with two victories over Israel. Gill Fitzgerald and Norma Shaw beat Renee Kusman and Carmel Scop 23-7, while Jean Baker, Norma Hazzledine and Mary Price overcame Maureen Herschowitz and her triple 26-6. Jersey also had two victories yesterday, over their local rivals, Guernsey.

Knott accepted

Cricket: James Knott, son of Alan Knott, the former Kent and England wicketkeeper, is joining Surrey. Grahame Clinton, the former Kent and Surrey opener and now coach at the Oval, said: "He has been offered a summer contract to start on July 1 and that will give us a good chance to see how he develops." Knott, 19, is a right-handed batsman and off-spin bowler.

Fahey by default

Real tennis: The world championship ended in anticlimax yesterday when the challenger, Wayne Davies, from New York, retired with a back injury at the start of the final day of the best-of-13-set match. The defending champion, Robert Fahey, from Hobart, retained the title that he won from Davies last year.

Team selected

Rugby union: The selection of Robert Cioca for Lucian Colceriu on the right wing of the Romania team to play Scotland at Murrayfield on Saturday is the only change from the side that finished the 24-16 defeat by France in Bucharest earlier this month.

ROMANIA: V Brici; R Cioca, N Racean, R Gontineac, G Solomie; N Nichitean, D Neaga; T Brinza (capt), A Gealapu, T Oroian, C Cojocaru, S Ciorascu, L Costea, V Tufa, G Leonte.

Diffident should cope with faster surface

NEWMARKET

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2.35: Mr Martini, third in the Lincoln, deserves to go close but wins rarely. Belfry Green, a seven furlong and Newmarket specialist, has always needed his first run of the season. Calling Collect and Crazy Paving were considered good enough last term to run in group races, but both disappointed. In a race best watched, Be Warned is a speculative choice. Neville Callaghan's runner progressed throughout last term and looks fairly treated off bottom weight.

3.05: Overbury is a confident choice. Second in the Italian and German Derbys last season before dead-heating in the American Derby at Arlington Park, David Loder's four-year-old has been working in spectacular style on the gallops of late and connections are expecting him to step up on his three-year-old form. The nine furlong trip is a shade sharp but Fitzrovian, a front-running stablemate, is likely to ensure a strong pace. Desert Shot, from the in-form Michael Stoute yard, looks the main danger judged on his impressive four-length success in a listed race over course and distance last autumn. Nicolotte was a leading two-year-old in 1993 but ran only once last year.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

3.40: André Fabre's outstanding record in top British races means his runners always deserve the closest inspection. Diffident won both his starts as a two-year-old, including a listed race by five lengths, and has reportedly been working well at Chantilly. He won at Evry on soft ground, but his breeding suggests today's faster surface will pose no dangers and he represents a sound bet. Harayir, an impressive winner of the Lowther Stakes, was a slightly disappointing third in the Cheveley Park but should be thereabouts.

4.15: Retender ran well over an inadequate trip at Beverley 12 days ago and is at his best over this trip. Ketabi was a rare disappointment for the Reg Akehurst stable having been heavily backed at Warwick 18 days ago and is clearly better than he showed there. However, in another tough handicap I will side with **Sharp Falcon**, who ran an eye-catching race at Leicester recently over ten furlongs.

Richard Evans

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

Dealer East **Love all.** **Rubber bridge**

North
♠6
♥A3
♦AK87
♣AK9854

West
♠A1073
♥J987
♦J106
♣J8

East
♠QJ985
♥542
♦Q2
♣Q103

South
♠K42
♥KQ106
♦9543
♣72

W	N	E	S
-	-	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Contract: 3NT by South. Lead: Jack of diamonds

Many day-to-day hands just involve keeping your wits about you, with no great technical skill required. On today's hand the declarer won the diamond lead and played a second high diamond. When East's queen fell it was likely, after his lead of the jack, that West had the last diamond - after all, jack from Jx is a much less attractive lead than from J10x. So rather than play on the club suit the declarer simply cashed three rounds of hearts and two rounds of clubs before playing his third diamond. Now after cashing the jack of hearts West had to play a spade up to South's king to give him the ninth trick. If the declarer had played a third club he would have gone down - East gets in and pushes through the queen of spades. Note that it would not have mattered if West had the third club - the only time the declarer's line would fail was when West was left with three winners in hearts and clubs after South had cashed the high cards in those suits. The only skill in the hand was noticing ('deducing' would be rating the mental process too highly) that West was likely to have the last diamond.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge every day in the sports pages of *The Times*.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PERCHIST
a. A layer of Earth's crust
b. A trapeze artist
c. A sea-chest

PUTZ
a. A Nativity scene
b. Home-made toffee
c. A German hound

RUDD
a. Facial rouge
b. A tart's table
c. A scarlet butterfly

PANCHAMA
a. A Hindu Scripture
b. Unleavened pancake
c. An outcaste

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Short in form

Although Britain's Nigel Short lost to Vassily Ivanchuk in an early round of the Mikhail Tal Memorial tournament in Riga, he has recovered well with victories against Rafael Vaganian and Jaan Ehlvest. Facing the latter, Short had to defend grimly against a vicious kingside attack before emerging triumphant with his extra material.

White: Jaan Ehlvest

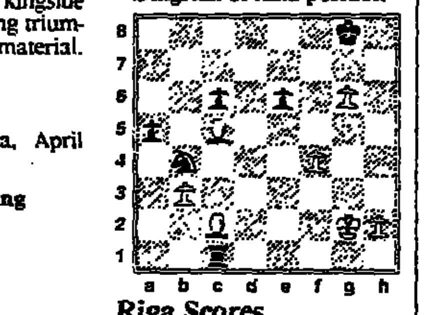
Black: Nigel Short
Tal Memorial, Riga, April 1995

Catalan Opening

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nf3	d5
4	g3	Be7
5	Bg2	0-0
6	0-0	dxc4
7	Qc2	a6
8	Nbd2	b5
9	Ng5	c6
10	b3	c3
11	Nde4	Nd5
12	Nf3	b4
13	a3	f5
14	Nc5	Bxc5
15	dxc5	a5
16	e4	fxe4
17	Qxe4	Qf6
18	axb4	Nxb4
19	Ng5	g6
20	Qh4	h5
21	g4	c2
22	Be3	Ba6
23	gxh5	Bxd1
24	Rxd1	Nc7
25	Be4	Ne5
26	hxg6	Ra7
27	Bd4	Qf4
28	Qxf4	Rxf4
29	Bxe5	Rg4+
30	Kh1	Rxg5
31	Bd6	Rc7
32	f4	Rxc5
33	Bxc5	Rd1
34	Bxc2	Rxd1+
35	Kg2	Rc1

White resigns

Diagram of final position



Riga Scores

After five rounds at Riga, Kasparov has drawn with Kramnik and beaten Timman. Anand and Yusupov. He has one game unfinished.

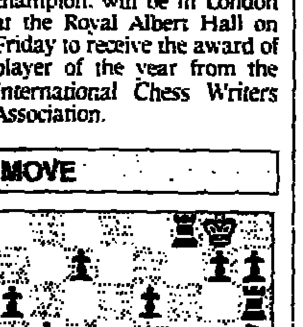
Karpov in London

Anatoly Karpov, the FIDE champion, will be in London at the Royal Albert Hall on Friday to receive the award of player of the year from the International Chess Writers Association.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Schneizer - Cordes, Wiesbaden 1995. Can you calculate the brilliant variation by which Black forced checkmate in five moves?



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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

European Cup
Semi-finals, second legs
Ajax (0) v Bayern Munich (0)
AC Milan (1) v Paris Saint-Germain (0)

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Millwall v Notts County (7.45)
Second division
Brighton v Wycombe (7.45)
Plymouth v Birmingham (7.45)

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division
Celtic v Hearts
Hibernian v Falkirk (5.0)
Third division
Ross County v Montrose

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Corby v Gresley, Hastings v Cambridge City. Southern division: Braintree v Bashley (7.45), Bury Town v Margate (7.45)
UNIBOND LEAGUE: First division: Caernarfon v Mossley, Lancaster v Curzon Ashton
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley v Slough, Hitchin v St Albans. Second division: Hungerford v Edgware (7.45). Third division: Collier Row v Canvey Island, Cove v Hornchurch (7.45)
KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Inter Cardiff v Afan Lido, Rhyl v Porthmadog. Cup: Semi-final, first leg: Ebbw Vale v Llansantffraid.
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Hillingdon v Brimsdown, Willesden v Waltham Abbey
MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Arlesey Town v Potters Bar, Brache Sparta v Milton Keynes, Dunstable v Shillington, Harpenden v Welwyn GC
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Saltash v Tiverton (7.45), Crediton v Barnstaple (7.45), Paulton v Odd Down, Taunton v Liskeard (7.45)
SKOL MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Alvechurch Villa v Shirley
INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Sandwell v Stratford
OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Glyn v Old Meadonians
FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Northallerton v Consett, Shildon v Ferryhill
BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cork v Bohemians, Derry v Shelbourne, Shamrock v Galway (6.0), Sligo v Dundalk
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Eastwood H v Newcastle Town, Nantwich v Rossendale, Trafford v Burscough, Glossop North End v Penrith
SURREY SENIOR CUP: Final: Carshalton v Sutton United (at Woking, 7.45).
BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Erringshall v Cradley, Manders v Stourport, Stafford FC v Bilston, Walsall Wood v Pelsall Villa.
JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Stowmarket v Wisbech (7.45)
UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Burgess Hill v Wick, Hailsham v Stamco, Peacehaven and Telscombe v Crowborough, Ringmer v Langney Sports, Southwick v Oakwood
HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Raunds v Stotfold, S and L Corby v Spalding
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Hallam v Belper Town, Stocksbridge PS v Pontefract Collieries
WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Beckenham v Slade Green, Canterbury v Herne Bay, Cray v Thamesmead, Deal v Faversham
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City v Millwall, Norwich v Watford, Southampton v Oxford Utd (at Marchwood FC), Tottenham v Queens Park Rangers (at St Albans City), Wimbledon v Portsmouth (2.0). Second division: Bath v Torquay (at Keynsham), Bournemouth v Cheltenham, Yeovil v Cardiff (7.45)
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn v Wolverhampton (at Wigan FC, 7.0); Rotherham v Nottingham Forest (7.0); West Bromwich v Tranmere (7.0); Sheffield Utd v Liverpool (at Chesterfield FC, 7.0). Second division: Blackpool v Oldham (7.0); Bradford v Hull (7.0); Middlesbrough v Leicester (7.0), Newcastle v York (at Gateshead FC, 7.0); Port Vale v Manchester City (7.0).
SCHOOLS MATCH: England Under-18 v FA Youth XI (at Lowestoft Town).

CRICKET

Tetley Bitter Shield
11.0, second day of four
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11.30, second day of three
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RUGBY UNION

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Third division: Mountain Ash v Builth Wells.
CLUB MATCHES: Caerleon v Ebbw Vale (7.0); Gilfach Goch v Abercynon (7.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Whitehaven v Bramley (6.30).

OTHER SPORT

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Myself doubts linger after trial

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

A CLASSIC trial which promised so much somehow failed to deliver yesterday despite the convincing victory of Myself in the Shadwell Stud Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket.

At face value the 2½-length success of the filly running in the colours of Lady Tavistock's Bloomsbury Stud should have had everyone clamouring for her chances of winning the Madagans 1,000 Guineas on May 7. The winning time was only just below the standard for the seven furlong race; John Reid hardly moved a muscle as the daughter of Nashwan cruised past Red Carnival and Epagris; and Peter Chapple-Hyam insisted she will improve significantly during the next three weeks.

And yet the doubts remain. Although Myself showed no signs of the flighty behaviour which last season saw her throw away a race at Newbury and flash her tail when finishing fifth in the Cheveley Park Stakes, the suspicion remains she may not relish the kind of battle which is unavoidable in a classic. Mike Dillon, the respected representative of Ladbrokes, said: "I think that was Myself's Guineas day and I don't think we saw the classic winner there."

Reid complimented Bloomsbury Stud for helping to make Myself more relaxed but, significantly, added: "Peter Chapple-Hyam had her fit for today and I just had to steer her in the right direction."

When Walter Swinburn cruised to the front on Red Carnival two furlongs out, she looked sure to run out a convincing winner and yet within a matter of strides she was in trouble, and in the end was pipped for second by Epagris. More worrying was her rather high head carriage which hardly increases confidence that she can reverse the form next month, even on 3lb better terms.

Epagris, a runaway winner of an end of term Newmarket maiden, was having only the second race of her career and yet Henry Cecil was noticeably low key afterwards. "She should come on for the race but she has got to come on a bit. She ran a very good race but she got beaten fair and square today although the winner has had a few races. If Epagris can make the normal improvement she is worth running."

Michael Stoute, who had to treat Red Carnival for a bruised foot over the weekend, commented: "We knew she would need the race and I was glad to get her here and give her a good workout."

Swinburn added: "She has done nothing at home. She felt great throughout the race and when I let her go she picked up a bit and then got tired and a bit leg weary up the hill."

All of which left the bookmakers in something of a quandary. In the end, they did little, except cut Myself to a best-priced 8-1. Ladbrokes go 5-1 Moonshell, 8-1 Red Carnival and Myself, 10-1 Epagris, Macoumba, Gay Gallanta and Aqaarid, 16-1 bar.

The best race by far on the opening day of the Craven meeting saw Lake Coniston break the six-furlong track record when winning the Abernant Stakes by four lengths. Geoff Lewis believes the Bluebird colt, owned by Highclere Thoroughbred Racing, is the best sprinter he has ever trained and the four-year-old will be aimed at the Duke of York Stakes, the July Cup and the Haydock Sprint Cup before possibly being sent for the Breeders' Cup Sprint at Belmont Park.

Nap: OVERBURY
(3.05 Newmarket)
Next best: Diffident
(3.40 Newmarket)

JULIAN HERBERT

Myself staked her 1,000 Guineas claim with victory in the Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket yesterday

Newmarket

Going: good to firm

2.00 (1m 4f) 1, SEBASTIAN (W Ryan, 6-5 fav); 2, Royal Scimitar (L Dettori, 4-1); 3, General Assembly (A McGlone, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Vaugrenier, 10 Astrolabe, 12 Soletum, 14 Foresworn (5th), Shawahin, 20 Anchor Clever (4th), 25 Torch Vert (6th), 33 Blue Smoke, 50 Cross Talk. 12 ran. Sh hd, 3l, 5l, 6l, 2½l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £1.50, £7.00. DF: £3.70. Trio: £28.60. CSF: £6.82. 2min 31.85sec.

2.35 (5f) 1, MAGNIFICENT DEVIL (S Thomson, 15-2); 2, Twice As Sharp (Pat Eddery, 100-30); 3, Alarming (L Dettori, 11-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Double Matt (6th), 10 Fairy Wind, Mutabassim (5th), 12 Bedouin Invader (4th), 25 Distant Princess, Sooty, 40 Hot Snap, Master Ran, Mousehole. 12 ran. 2½l, ¾l, 2½l, 1l, 1½l. J Watts at Richmond. Tote: £9.60; £2.40, £1.40, £1.70. DF: £16.20. Trio: £31.80. CSF: £29.52. 1min 13.11sec.

3.05 (6f) 1, LAKE CONISTON (Pat Eddery, 7-4 fav); 2, Triple Joy (G Duffield, 5-1); 3, Montendre (M J Kinane, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Double Blue, 9 Branston Abby, 12 Hard To Figure (5th), 14 Tajannub (4th), 20 Windmachine, 25 Cim Bom Bom, 33 Amros, Welsh Mist (6th). 11 ran. 3½l, nk, sh hd, 2½l, 3½l. G Lewis at Epsom. Tote: £2.50; £1.30, £2.60, £2.90. DF: £15.80. Trio: £47.20. CSF: £13.80. 1min 10.25sec.

3.40 (7f) 1, MYSELF (J Reid, 5-1); 2, Epagris (W Ryan, 9-4 fav); 3, Red Carnival (W R Swinburn, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 7 Tinnering, 10 Germane (4th), 12 With The Fairies (5th), 25 Dashing Water (6th), 33 Paris Babe. 8 ran. NR: Pearl Venture. 2½l, ¾l, 2l, 2½l, 1½l. P Chapple-Hyam at Manton. Tote: £5.80; £1.50, £1.66, £1.50. DF: £10.90. Trio: £7.30. CSF: £15.44. 1min 24.34sec.

4.15 (1m 6f) 1, TUDOR ISLAND (M Rimmer, 7-1); 2, Thunderheart (L Dettori, 10-1); 3, Well Beloved (W Ryan, 9-2); 4, Polo Kit (D Harrison, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Top Cees (5th), 7 Trans Siberia, 9 Dreams End, Island Blade (6th), 14 Smuggler, 16 Chimanimani, 20 Microlite, Rumi, 25 Head Turner, Not In Doubt, 33 Sword Master, 50 Guards Brigade. 16 ran. 1l, sh hd, 1¼l, hd, ¾l. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £7.90; £2.30, £2.40, £2.30, £3.00. DF: £55.50. Trio: £127.50. CSF: £88.81. Tricast: £585.05. 2min 59.52sec.

4.45 (7f) 1, IBLIS (M Hills, 6-1; Thunderer's nap); 2, Noble Kingdom (T Quinn, 10-1); 3, Otterbourne (L Dettori, 7-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt-fav Tiler, 13-2 Jawlaat (4th), 7 Fame Again, 9 Axeman (5th), 10 Bimsey, 25 Sue's Return, 33 Miss Mercy, Singing Rock (6th). 11 ran. 6l, 2½l, 2l, ¾l, hd. G Wragg at Newmarket. Tote: £5.70; £2.20, £4.20, £1.80. DF: £79.00. Trio: £130.10. CSF: £60.08. Tricast: £220.68. 1min 23.53sec.

5.20 (1m 2f) 1, BURNING (M Hills, 16-1); 2, Luso (B Doyle, 25-1); 3, Prussian Blue (W Ryan, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav San Pietra, 9-2 Mazeen (5th), Sanmartino (4th), 6 Okavango (6th), 10 Coburg, 14 Nine Barrow Down, 33 Chalk Circle, 50 Birthday Boy, Komodo, Snow Valley. 13 ran. Nk, nk, 2½l, 3l, 1½l. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £32.30; £3.60, £5.60, £2.20. DF: £169.50. Trio: £826.60 (part won; pool of £617.25 carried forward to 4.15 at Newmarket today). CSF: £313.07. 2min 04.16sec.

Jackpot: £43,830.90 (pool of £50,004.30 carried forward to Newmarket today).
Placepot: £23.30. Quadpot: £31.10.

Wetherby

Going: good to firm, good in places

2.15 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Aljadeer (J Driscoll, 15-2); 2, Cutthroat Kid (Evens fav); 3, Bendor Mark (25-1). 12 ran. NR: Ealing Court, Great The Greek. 15l, 6l. M W Easterby. Tote: £7.40; £1.70, £1.20, £5.70. DF: £3.90. Trio: £34.10. CSF: £15.76.

2.50 (2m ch) 1, Full O'Praise (L Wyer, 14-1); 2, Dr Rocket (5-1); 3, Issyin (9-1). 5-2 fav Newlands-General. 7 ran. 2l, hd. P Calver. Tote: £20.20; £6.70, £1.90. DF: £31.10. CSF: £70.97.

3.20 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Call My Guest (E Callaghan, 2-1 fav); 2, Knockaverry (25-1); 3, Tighter Budget (5-1). 7 ran. 3½l, sh hd. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £2.90; £1.70, £5.60. DF: £65.60. CSF: £35.48.

3.55 (3m 5f ch) 1, Snook Point (Mr A Manners, 10-1); 2, Countorus (11-4 jt-fav); 3, Squires Tale (16-1). Twin States 11-4 jt-fav. 7 ran. 9l, 15l. D Lamb. Tote: £11.80; £3.80, £2.00. DF: £33.10. CSF: £34.94.

4.30 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Country Tarrogen (Mr N Wilson, 4-5 fav); 2, Polatico Pat (25-1); 3, Gaelic Warrior (14-1). 9 ran. NR: Syrus P Turntable. 8l, 7l. T Walford. Tote: £1.70; £1.30, £3.30, £2.00. DF: £27.90. Trio: £43.30. CSF: £20.72.

5.05 (2m hdle) 1, Little Bromley (Mr A Manners, 5-1); 2, Weaver George (8-2); 3, Sylvan Sabre (4-1 fav). 10 ran. NR: Magil. 3l, 1l. A Eubank. Tote: £6.00; £2.20, £2.00, £2.00. DF: £14.50. Trio: £14.30. CSF: £26.08. Tricast: £89.75.

Placepot: £442.20. Quadpot: £26.50.

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THUNDERER

2.00 Miss Haversham
2.35 SASEEDO (nap)
3.05 Desert Shot
3.40 Diffident
4.15 Walsham Whisper
4.45 Dance Of The Moon
5.20 Tertium

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.05 DESERT SHOT.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 Top Guide. 3.05 OVERBURY (nap). 4.15 Parthian Springs.

101 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 GEOFFREY BARLING MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(3-Y-O: £5,254: 7f) (12 runners)

101	(2)	60-	ANNA-JANE 200 (P Locke) R Hannon 8-11	T Quinn	72
102	(4)	4-	AVIGNON 271 (Lord Weinstock & S Weinstock) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11	J Reid	85
103	(5)	00	BELLATEENA 30 (N Gardner) H Collingridge 8-11	M Rimmer	–
104	(3)	6-	DREAM TICKET 172 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	70
105	(9)	04-	JURASSIC SUE 187 (A Merza) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	71
106	(12)	4-	KENWAASH 172 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) L Cumani 8-11	M J Kinane	80
107	(6)		MERRY FESTIVAL (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11	L Dettori	–
108	(10)	2-	MISS HAVERSHAM 250 (Tiffany Racing) C Cyzer 8-11	K Fallon	91
109	(7)		PERSIAN BUTTERFLY (E Crozer) J Banks 8-11	J Quinn	–
110	(11)		TINASHAAN (Mrs J McAllister) J Fanshawe 8-11	D Harrison	–
111	(1)	053-	VENA 204 (Skyline Racing Ltd) J Dunlop 8-11	Pat Eddery	●
112	(8)		WARNING SHADOWS (Sheikh Marwan Al Maktoum) C Brittain 8-11	B Doyle	–

BETTING: 5-2 Avignon, 4-1 Dream Ticket, 5-1 Merry Festival, 7-1 Vena, Kenwaash, 8-1 Anna-Jane, 10-1 Miss Haversham, 14-1 others.

1994: ZAFAAF 8-11 W R Swinburn (12-1) M Stoute 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANNA-JANE 1½l 2nd of 8 to Leap For Joy in maiden at Goodwood (6f, good to firm). AVIGNON about 3½l 4th of 9 to Aqaarid in Ascot maiden (6f, good to firm) with ANNA-JANE about 7½l 9th. DREAM TICKET about 7l 6th of 17 to Alessia in maiden over course and distance (good to soft). KENWAASH about 7l 4th of 17 to Tillerman in maiden over course and distance (soft). MERRY FESTIVAL Second foal by Private Account; dam multiple minor winner in US. MISS HAVERSHAM 1¾l 2nd of 19 to Alusha in Newbury maiden (6f, good). VENA about 4½l 5th of 26 to Don Corleone in conditions race over course and distance (good). Selection: VENA

2.35 BOADICEA RATED HANDICAP
C4
(£9,174: 7f) (21 runners)

201	(18)	1/5631-	MOCCASIN RUN 278 (D,F,G) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 4-9-7	L Dettori	94
202	(1)	42012-0	REALITIES 25 (CD,F,S) (B Takano) G Harwood 5-9-6	M J Kinane	93
203	(5)	112006-	HELLO MISTER 181 (C,F,G,S) (B Millen) J O'Donoghue 4-9-5	P McCabe (5)	●
204	(4)	150622-	GOVERNOR GEORGE 195 (D,F,S) (O Zawawi) J Dunlop 4-9-4	Pat Eddery	94
205	(17)	040405-	CLASSIC SKY 201 (D,F,G) (Saeed Suhail) B Hanbury 4-8-1	R Hills	95
206	(3)	214218-	WAIKIKI BEACH 201 (D,F,G) (K Higson) G L Moore 4-9-7	B Rouse	89
207	(14)	/1000P-	CALLING COLLECT 362 (D,G,S) (Gadolphin) L Cumani 6-9-1	C Hodgson (5)	–
208	(8)	210330-	NEW CAPRICORN 172 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Green) M Jarvis 5-8-13	P Robinson	97
209	(7)	152365-	QUEENBIRD 188 (D,S) (A Reid) M Ryan 4-8-13	W Carson	93
210	(11)	104132-	BELFRY GREEN 222 (CD,F,G) (J Kelsey-Fry) C Horgan 5-8-12	W Woods	91
211	(9)	4400-63	MR MARTINI 25 (F,G) (Parrot Racing) C Brittain 5-8-8	M Rimmer	98
212	(19)	014589-	GYMCRAK PREMIERE 201 (D,F,G,S) (Gymcrak Racing) G Holmes 7-8-8	K Fallon	94
213	(16)	2/45-	TOP GUIDE 172 (F) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 4-8-8	W R Swinburn	96
214	(12)	15/1000-	CRAZY PAVING 289 (CD,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-8-8	J Reid	97
215	(2)	005109-	BAND ON THE RUN 195 (CD,F,G,S) (D Allen) B McMahon 8-8-6	T Quinn	94
216	(13)	004508-	SASEEDO 172 (C,G) (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 5-8-4	Paul Eddery	95
217	(15)	005406-	CALEMAN 166 (D,F) (M Berger) R Boss 6-8-4	J Carroll	89
218	(6)	012140-	DESERT GREEN 200 (F) (Marz Al Maktoum) R Hannon 6-8-4	R Perham	88
219	(21)	30005-0	MY BEST VALENTINE 87 (D,F,G) (The Valentines) J White 5-8-4	D Wright (3)	94
220	(20)	6200-26	CASTEL ROSSELO 25 (D,F,G,S) (R Dawson) B McMath 5-8-4	A Mackay	92
221	(10)	213325-	BE WARNED 172 (D,F,G) (Mitchells) N Callaghan 4-8-4	D Harrison	88

Long handicap: Desert Green 8-3, My Best Valentine 8-3, Castel Rosselo 8-2, Be Warned 8-0.

BETTING: 8-1 Governor George, 9-1 Mr Martini, 10-1 Castel Rosselo, Moccasin Run, 12-1 Belfry Green, Realities, 14-1 Band On The Run, Caleman, New Capricorn, Top Guide, 16-1 Be Warned, Classic Sky, 20-1 others.

1994: BAND ON THE RUN 7-8-4 T Quinn (6-1) B McMahon 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

MOCCASIN RUN beat Fraam 1¾l in 5-runner conditions race at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to firm). REALITIES best effort last term beat Secret Aly ½l in 7-runner handicap at Ascot (1m, good to firm) with BELFRY GREEN (7lb worse off) 1¾l and short-head 4th. GOVERNOR GEORGE neck 2nd of 9 to Czarnikow in handicap at York (7f, good to soft) with MR MARTINI (2lb better off) 1l and short-head 4th, MY BEST VALENTINE (6lb better off) 1½l 5th, SASEEDO (8lb better off) 1¾l 6th and BAND ON THE RUN (4lb better off) about 4½l 7th. WAIKIKI BEACH beat Jaleica ½l in 14-runner listed race at Baden-Baden (1m, good) on penultimate start, with GOVERNOR GEORGE (7lb worse off) about 3l 6th. NEW CAPRICORN 3½l 3rd of 15 to Branston Abby in handicap at Newbury (6f, good to soft) on penultimate start, with HELLO MISTER (1lb better off) 10½l 13th. BELFRY GREEN 1¾l 2nd of 7 to Cim Time in handicap at Goodwood (7f, good) with GOVERNOR GEORGE (5lb better off) about 4½l 6th. TOP GUIDE beat Elbaad ¾l in 16-runner maiden at Kempton (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. Selection: MOCCASIN RUN

3.05 EARL OF SEFTON STAKES
C4
(Group III: £21,574: 1m 1f) (7 runners)

301	(2)	022221-	OVERBURY 289 (D,F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 4-9-1	M J Kinane	83
302	(3)	12532-1	AIRPORT 27 (C,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-8-10	L Dettori	93
303	(4)	411413-	DESERT SHOT 173 (CD,F,G) M Stoute 5-8-10	W R Swinburn	●
304	(7)	132045-	FITZROVIAN 289 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 4-8-10	M Tebbutt	77
305	(6)	308615-	GARDEN OF HEAVEN 157 (C,G,S) (B Vosk) C Brittain 6-8-10	M Rimmer	83
306	(5)	03251-0	JAFEICA 27 (G,S) (NTC (Racing) Ltd) R Hannon 4-8-10	Pat Eddery	87
307	(1)	311234-	NICOLOTTE 370 (F,S) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 4-8-10	M Hills	88

BETTING: 9-4 Overbury, 3-1 Airport, Desert Shot, 6-1 Nicolotte, 8-1 Garden Of Heaven, 10-1 Jafeica, 20-1 Fitzrovian.

1994: DEL DEVA 4-8-7 L Dettori (8-1) J Gosden 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

OVERBURY dead-heated with Vaudeville beating Star Campaigner head in 10-runner grade II Arlington International (1m 1f 110yd, firm). AIRPORT best Fraam ¾l in 9-runner listed race at Doncaster (1m, good) with JAFEICA 2¾l 7th. DESERT SHOT (1m, good) beat Inside Cat 4l in 6-runner listed race over course and distance (good to firm) on penultimate start, with JAFEICA (5lb worse off) about 5½l 5th. FITZROVIAN 5l 4th of 11 to Bide Pals in handicap at Haydock (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start. GARDEN OF HEAVEN beat Green Green Desert 2l in 7-runner conditions race here (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start. NICOLOTTE about 2¾l 4th of 10 to King's Theatre in group III Craven Stakes here (1m, soft). Selection: NICOLOTTE

3.40 EUROPEAN FREE HANDICAP
C4
(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £16,425: 7f) (12 runners)

401	(9)	1213-	HARAYIR 204 (F) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) W Hern 9-7	W Carson	95
402	(10)	6136-	BIN NASHWAN 202 (S) (Mohamed Obaida) C Brittain 9-7	W R Swinburn	94
403	(12)	1223-	HELMSMAN 257 (F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-5	J Reid	88
404	(5)	11-	DIFFIDENT 147 (G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) A Fabre 9-5	M J Kinane	–
405	(6)	104450-	SILCA BLANKA 188 (C,G,S) (Aldridge Racing Ltd) M Channon 9-4	R Hughes	92
406	(1)	11545-	CITADEED 162 (F,G) (I Allan) P Chapple-Hyam 9-3	Pat Eddery	94
407	(3)	141-	INZAR 189 (S) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-3	T Quinn	96
408	(2)	213163-	BE MINDFUL 181 (D,F) (Dr C Wills) J Fanshawe 9-3	D Harrison	93
409	(6)	442220-	SONIC BOY 188 (S) (A Pye-Jeary) R Johnson Houghton 9-3	M Hills	95
410	(4)	1134-	ALAMI 202 (F) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-3	R Hills	●
411	(11)	22241-3	THE JOTTER 13 (G,S) (Mrs D Allen) W Jarvis 9-0	L Dettori	98
412	(7)	213510-	SMART GUEST 204 (G,S) (Mrs D Weatherby) M Bell 8-13	M Fenton	93

BETTING: 11-4 Diffident, 5-1 Harayir, 6-1 Alami, Bin Nashwan, Helmsman, 8-1 Citadeed, Inzar, 14-1 Sonic Boy, The Jotter, 16-1 Be Mindful, 20-1 Smart Guest, 25-1 Silca Blanka.

1994: BLUEGRASS PRINCE 8-13 L Dettori (10-1) R Hannon 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

HARAYIR 1¾l 3rd of 10 to Gay Gallanta in 10-runner group I Cheveley Park Stakes here (6f, good). BIN NASHWAN 1¾l 3rd of 8 to Pennekamp in group I Prix De La Salamandre at Longchamp (7f, soft) on penultimate start. HELMSMAN 3½l 3rd of 7 to Bids Our Time in conditions race at Haydock (6f, good). DIFFIDENT completed double beat Skip Lady 5l in 10-runner listed race at Evry (6f, heavy). CITADEED about 2¾l 5th of 7 to Bishop Of Cashel in group II Criterium De Maisons Laffitte (7f, heavy). INZAR beat Sedan Vale ½l in 5-runner conditions race at Newcastle (6f, good to soft). ALAMI about 4¼l 4th of 10 to Fard in group I Middle Park Stakes here (6f, good to firm) with BIN NASHWAN (4lb worse off) two short-heads 6th. Selection: DIFFIDENT (nap)

4.15 BABRAHAM RACING HANDICAP
C4
(£6,212: 1m 4f) (20 runners)

501	(10)	44-1	PARTHIAN SPRINGS 20 (S) (Hesmonds Stud) J Gosden 4-10-0	L Dettori	97
502	(15)	00/11-	NORTHERN UNION 359 (G,S) (Mrs A Green) M Jarvis 4-9-6	P Robinson	88
503	(9)	0/3105-	JERMYN STREET 287 (G) (J Bray) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-8	Paul Eddery	90
504	(1)	333031-	RIPARIUS 225 (G) (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 4-9-6	W Newnes	98
505	(3)	04/3331-	SILVER HUNTER 302 (F) (A Mordin's Partnership) G Bravery 4-9-5	M Hills	89
506	(17)	23024-0	WALSHAM WHISPER 12 (F) (M Yarrow) J Wharton 4-9-5	J Williams	97
507	(8)	82222-2	ARTIC COURIER 8 (F) (Britam Promotions Ltd) D Cosgrove 4-9-4	M Rimmer	91
508	(14)	06000-0	LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 18 (CD,F,G) (B Saunders) Bob Jones 7-9-4	M Wigham	91
509	(18)	214050-	FAUGERON 186 (CD,F,G) (Normandy Developments) R Akehurst 6-9-2	A Clark	91
510	(5)	060033-	DUSTY POINT 217 (D,F,G,S) (Rochford Racing Ltd) J Pearce 5-8-11	R Hills	89
511	(2)	16392-5	SHARP FALCON 13 (F,S) (G Mills) J Wharton 4-8-11	J Reid	98
512	(11)	1-21114	KAAFIH HOMM 25 (G) (Gallagher Materials Ltd) N Callaghan 4-8-10	Pat Eddery	87
513	(16)	0/05240-	RISING SPRAY 217 (J Heritage) C Horgan 4-8-10	G Hind	92
514	(20)	13354-3	RETENDER 12 (D,F,G) (P Leonard) Mrs J Ramsden 6-8-10	K Fallon	95
515	(19)	32010-0	KETABI 18 (G) (B and D Whitney) R Akehurst 4-8-10	T Quinn	96
516	(7)	223332-	LEAR DANCER 210 (F) (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 4-8-8	M J Kinane	92
517	(13)	000-320	PRIDE OF MAY 26 (B,F) (R Lewis) R Hannon 4-8-7	R Hughes	98
518	(12)	58100-1	CHILDREN'S CHOICE 26 (F,S) (P Totman) P McBride 4-8-2	D Wright (3)	98
519	(4)	31-1985	BEAUTETE 13 (F,G) (D Chuston) S Dow 4-8-0	D Harrison	93
520	(8)	50-6231	ACHILLES HEEL 27 (D,G) (Four J's Syndicate) C Allen 4-7-8	J Quinn	●

BETTING: 5-2 Parthian Springs, 6-1 Ketabi, 8-1 Retender, 10-1 Kaafih Homm, 12-1 Sharp Falcon, 14-1 Achilles Heel, 16-1 Artic Courier, Dusty Point, Faugeron, Lookingforarainbow, Northern Union, 20-1 others.

1994: SIT ON THE SIDE 5-8-9 Pat Eddery (15-2) W Musson 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

PARTHIAN SPRINGS beat Motakabber 4l in 16-runner maiden at Leicester (1m 2f, soft). NORTHERN UNION completed double beat Lila At Sea ¾l in 8-runner handicap at Windsor (1m 3f 135yd, good). JERMYN STREET best effort last term beat Howard's End neck in 12-runner maiden at Sandown (1m 2f, good). RIPARIUS beat Chimborazo 1¼l in 15-runner maiden at Lingfield (1m 3f 106yd, good). SILVER HUNTER beat Tanashi 1½l in 5-runner maiden at Brighton (1m 2f, firm). WALSHAM WHISPER about 7¾l 4th of 12 to Penny A Day in handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, good to soft) on penultimate start, Oct 1994. ARTIC COURIER 2½l 3rd of 14 to Mokhtar in maiden at Folkestone (1m 4f, good to firm). KETABI best effort last term beat Quest Again ¾l in 11-runner maiden at Goodwood (1m 2f, good). Selection: PARTHIAN SPRINGS

4.45 NGK SPARK PLUGS BARTLOW MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £5,117: 5f) (11 runners)

601	(9)		CAPTURE THE MOMENT (The Really Keen Partnership) R Williams 8-11	T Quinn	–
602	(8)	2	CYRILLIC 12 (Chancery Bourse Inv (Brick Kiln Stud)) P Kelleway 8-11	M Wigham	–
603	(4)	2	DANCE OF THE MOON 15 (Dr A Gillespie & Mr J Wilson) M Bell 8-11	M Fenton	–
604	(7)		GREEN BENTLEY (Mohamed Suhail) R Hannon 8-11	R Perham	–
605	(3)		HEAR THE MUSIC (Lady Harrison) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	–
606	(10)		INCARVILLEA (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 8-11	M J Kinane	–
607	(6)		LILLIBELLA (S Hastings-Bass) I Balding 8-11	L Dettori	–
608	(1)		LIMERICK PRINCESS (T Doherty) J Berry 8-11	J Carroll	–
609	(5)		MYSTIC DAWN (Mrs A Updell) R Boss 8-11	Pat Eddery	–
610	(2)		SOUND CHECK (Theobalds Stud) B Meehan 8-11	B Doyle	–
611	(11)	03	WHITTLE ROCK 14 (Bay Horse Racing Syndicate) E Alston 8-11	K Fallon	–

BETTING: 5-2 Incarvillea, 5-1 Limerick Princess, 6-1 Lillibella, Hear The Music, Dance Of The Moon, 8-1 others.

1994: LIMERICK BELLE 8-11 J Carroll (11-2) J Berry 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

CYRILLIC 2l 2nd of 8 to Gwespyr in maiden at Lingfield (5f, good). DANCE OF THE MOON 1¾l 2nd of 9 to Dungeon Master in maiden at Nottingham (5f, good). GREEN BENTLEY (Foaled Apr 24). Half-sister by Green Desert to 1m/1m 4f winner Lord Bentley; dam smart 1m-1m 3f winner. HEAR THE MUSIC (Mar 10; cost 26,000gns) Half-sister by Common Grounds to two juvenile winners including Southern Power, 7f winner at two years; dam won twice in France at four years. INCARVILLEA (Apr 20). First foal by Mr Prospector; dam useful juvenile and developed into a top-class 1m/1m 4f performer at three and four years. WHITTLE ROCK 1¾l and short-head 3rd of 18 to Playmaker in maiden at Ripon (5f, good to soft). No selection

5.20 WOOD DITTON STAKES (3-Y-O: £5,952: 1m) (11 runners)

1	(5)	CATERCAP (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0	G Hind	–
2	(10)	HORESTI (The Daysprung Company Ltd) C Brittain 9-0	B Doyle	–
3	(6)	KAZAKI (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0	L Dettori	–
4	(2)	KRYSTALLOS (Ali Saeed) R Hannon 9-0	M J Kinane	–
5	(4)	KUTTA (Hamdan Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-0	W Carson	–
6	(11)	PROPHETS HONOUR (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0	K Fallon	–
7	(7)	RAAYAAT (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0	R Hills	–
8	(1)	SOLAR FLIGHT (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0	Pat Eddery	–
9	(3)	TERTIUM (Mrs C Waters) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0	J Reid	–
10	(8)	FARMER'S TERN (D Midwood) W Jarvis 8-9	M Tebbutt	–
11	(9)	MD THOMPSON (M Kirby) S Williams 8-9	D Wright (3)	–

BETTING: 2-1 Kazaki, 3-1 Tertium, 4-1 Solar Flight, 7-1 Kutta, 10-1 Krystallos, Catercap, 14-1 others.

1994: AIRPORT 9-0 L Dettori (9-2) J Gosden 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

CATERCAP half-brother by Royal Academy to Royal Kristin, 7f juvenile winner who disappointed at three years. HORESTI half-brother by Nijinsky to top-class middle-distance performer Petoski; dam 5f/7f juvenile winner. KAZAKI full brother to top-class 1m 2f-1m 7f winner Brashee and to useful 1m 2f performer Adam Smith; dam, from top-class family, 7f winner. KUTTA half-brother by Old Vic to high-class miler Bebr; dam 1m 4f winner. RAAYAAT half-brother to smart 1m 2f winner True Hero; dam unraced half-sister to Known Fact. No selection

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wnrs	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
A Fabre	8	24	33.3	Pat Eddery	89	456	19.5
D Loder	9	51	17.6	M J Kinane	10	56	17.9
E Alston	3	18	16.7	W R Swinburn	56	342	16.4
J Gosden	50	303	16.5	C Hodgson	6	43	14.0
P Chapple-Hyam	16	98	16.3	L Dettori	62	464	13.4
P Cole	24	167	14.4	R Perham	6	46	13.0

PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER

2.45 Kala Sunrise. 3.20 Waterlord. 3.50 Godwin. 4.25 Brockton Flame. 5.00 Beauchamp Jazz. 5.30 Douce Maison.

GOING: FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.45 STRAWBERRY HILL MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,269: 5f) (13 runners)

1	(2)		BLESSINGINDISGUISE M W Easterby 9-0	M Birch	–
2	(1)		CINNAMON STICK W Jarvis 9-0	A McGlone	–
3	(8)		COMRADE CHINNERY J Eustace 9-0	R Cochrane	–
4	(7)	0	EIGHTS HIGH 4 R Hannon 9-0	K Darley	–
5	(4)	4	KALA SUNRISE 15 C Smith 9-0	J Fortune	–
6	(10)	0	LUCKY BEA 14 M W Easterby 9-0	L Charnock	–
7	(3)		MANOLO J Berry 9-0	J Weaver	–
8	(13)		PRINCELY SOUND M Bell 9-0	G Faulkner (7)	–
9	(5)		U-NO-HARRY R Hollinshead 9-0	T Ives	–
10	(11)		BEAR TO DANCE John Berry 8-9	C Dwyer	–
11	(6)		BUTTERWICK BELLE R Fahey 8-9	A Culhane	–
12	(12)		DISPOL SAPPHIRE Mrs V Aconley 8-9	G Duffield	–
13	(9)		RUSTIC SONG J Wharton 8-9	J Fanning	–

9-4 Manolo, 7-2 Comrade Chinnery, 5-1 Cinnamon Stick, 7-1 Princely Sound, 10-1 Kala Sunrise, Eights High, 12-1 others.

3.20 OSSETT SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,959: 1m 4yd) (22)

1	(20)	02-3	GUESSTIMATION 9 (D,F,G,S) J Pearce 6-10-0	G Bardwell	93
2	(14)	3100	PROFIT RELEASE 20 (D,F,G) M Johnston 4-9-13	D Holland	88
3	(5)	00-4	TOLLS CHOICE 12 (D,F,S) M W Easterby 6-9-12	Ruth Coulter (7)	92
4	(1)	0000	ROSINA'S FOLLY 13 J L Harris 4-9-10	R Cochrane	94
5	(9)	0-00	WATERLORD 12 (CD,S) D Nicholls 5-9-10	N Connorton	89
6	(7)	0500	GREEK GOLD 11 (G) G Kelly 6-9-6	Alex Greaves	89
7	(8)	0-05	WASSL'S NANNY 20 B Ellison 6-9-4	T Ives	84
8	(17)	2060	GREEK NIGHT OUT 15 (B,F) J A Harris 4-9-3	D R McCabe (3)	83
9	(18)	000-	ICANSPELL 8J (V,G) W Storey 4-9-3	S Whitworth	85
10	(19)	0340	POP TO STANS 6 (D,F,G) J Pearce 6-9-3	Elizabeth Turner (7)	92
11	(3)	-000	NORTHERN CHIEF 18 (D,F,S) R Emery 5-9-2	Stephen Davies	●
12	(22)	000-	LADY HIGHFIELD 140 M Ryan 4-9-2	M Baird (5)	92
13	(6)	000-	RESOLUTE BAY 228 (F,G) R Whitaker 9-9-2	A Culhane	91
14	(2)	000-	CORONA GOLD 190J (D,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-9-1	L Charnock	86
15	(15)	0240	MONSIEUR PETONG 30 (G) J Parkes 4-8-13	J Weaver	89
16	(4)	2020	GENESIS FOUR 6 (B,D,G) S Bowring 5-8-11	C Teague (5)	96
17	(21)	0205	HI PENNY 30 (B) K Ivory 4-8-11	G Duffield	94
18	(11)	2654	BOUNDARY EXPRESS 9 M Johnston 3-8-11	T Williams	93
19	(16)	00-0	REED MY LIPS 26 B Baugh 4-8-10	R Price	–
20	(10)	0-50	CALISAR 83 (G,S) P Howling 5-8-9	K Darley	90
21	(12)	-040	DUNDEELIN 9 (S) J Eyre 4-8-8	R Lappin	90
22	(13)	050-	TANCRED MISCHIEF 36J W Barker 4-8-8	Dean McKeown	88

7-1 Boundary Express, 8-1 Tolls Choice, 10-1 Guesstimation, 12-1 Profit Release, Pop To Stans, 14-1 Greek Gold, Hi Penny, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 13 winners from 28 runners, 46.4%; J Dunlop, 7 from 20, 35.0%; M Ryan, 5 from 15, 33.3%; A Stewart, 6 from 21, 28.6%; Mrs J Cecil, 4 from 16, 25.0%; M Stoute, 6 from 25, 24.0%.

JOCKEYS: W Ryan, 14 winners from 70 rides, 20.0%; A McGlone, 4 from 21, 19.0%; R Cochrane, 8 from 64, 12.5%; J Weaver, 7 from 58, 12.1%; N Connorton, 8 from 69, 11.6%; K Darley, 17 from 155, 11.0%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Pontefract: 3.20 Icanspell. Southwell: 1.50 Lewesdon Hill. 4.35 General Giggs.

3.50 LADY BALK MAIDEN STAKES
(£4,021: 1m 2f 6yd) (18)

1	(2)		LAWFUL LOVE T Donnelly 5-9-13	S D Williams	–
2	(18)		SUGAR MILL 11J Mrs M Reveley 5-9-13	K Darley	–
3	(13)		TURNPOLE Mrs M Reveley 4-9-13	J Fanning	–
4	(6)		AMY'S DREAM 53J R Woodhouse 4-9-8	N Connorton	–
5	(12)	2-	GODWIN 181 H Cecil 4-9-8	W Ryan	97
6	(11)		ROUFONTAINE 40J W Musson 4-9-8	J Fortune	–
7	(1)	00-3	AL SAFEER 13 J Hills 3-8-9	D Holland	●
8	(5)	44-	ANALOGUE 218 M Stoute 3-8-9	J Weaver	84
9	(4)	00-	LAAL 249 E Dunlop 3-8-9	J Tate (3)	80
10	(9)	0	MY BOY JOSH 13 R Guest 3-8-9	C Hawksley (5)	–
11	(3)		SALEEL A Stewart 3-8-9	M Humphries (5)	–
12	(8)	00-	SHAMEKH 204 J Banks 3-8-9	R Cochrane	80
13	(10)		TABDEEL A Stewart 3-8-9	S Whitworth	–
14	(16)		BE MY CHOICE Mrs J Cecil 3-8-4	Stephen Davies	–
15	(17)	00	BOLLIN SOPHIE 14 M H Easterby 3-8-4	M Birch	–
16	(14)		LITTLE REDWING Mrs J Cecil 3-8-4	G Duffield	–
17	(15)		OLERON J Norton 3-8-4	R Price	–
18	(7)	0-	SURGIVA 256 J Arnold 3-8-4	C Rutter	–

2-1 Godwin, 5-1 Analogue, 7-1 Tabdeel, Saleel, 8-1 Al Safeer, 10-1 others.

4.25 ST GILES HANDICAP
(3-Y-O fillies: £6,160: 6f) (12)

1	(10)	36-0	FANTASY RACING 18 (S) M Channon 9-7	C Rutter	98
2	(1)	01-1	GOLDEN LADY 13 (D,G) R Hannon 9-7	J Weaver	91
3	(12)	26-0	CABCHARGE BLUE 18 (D,F,S) T Naughton 9-4	D Holland	93
4	(7)	100-	DELIGHT OF DAWN 204 (CD,F,G) K Ivory 9-2	G Duffield	89
5	(6)	645-	ARASONG 166 (F) E Weymes 8-11	K Darley	88
6	(3)	1410	CRYSTAL LOOP 27 (D,G) A Bailey 8-9	V Halliday (5)	97
7	(4)	54-3	CHIMING IN 11 Mrs J Ramsden 8-8	J Fortune	90
8	(2)	450-	STOLEN KISS 195 M W Easterby 8-6	L Charnock	90
9	(8)	400-	BROCKTON FLAME 216 (D,F) J Eustace 8-5	R Cochrane	98
10	(9)	0-01	NOOR EL HOUDAH 20 (D,F,S) J Berry 8-1	G Carter	97
11	(5)	036-	MISS ZANZIBAR 229 R Fahey 7-13	S Maloney	87
12	(11)	104-	DOMINELLE 166 (D,F) M H Easterby 7-7	N Carlisle	●

3-1 Golden Lady, 5-1 Chiming In, 6-1 Fantasy Racing, 7-1 Dominelle, 8-1 others.

5.00 WEFT GATE CONDITIONS STAKES
(£3,583: 1m 4yd) (6)

1	(3)	0-0	CRUCIS 14 B McMahon 4-9-6	T Ives	–
2	(2)		TARO CARD 25J R Woodhouse 4-9-6	N Connorton	–
3	(6)	12-0	BEAUCHAMP JAZZ 18 (D,S) J Dunlop 3-8-11	G Duffield	●
4	(4)	1	SHAFFISHAYES 9 (G) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-9	K Darley	76
5	(5)	6-	PRIZE PUPIL 175 C Wall 3-8-5	L Newton (5)	88
6	(1)	00-	LELISE 212 A Jarvis 3-8-0	B Hunter (7)	–

4-5 Beauchamp Jazz, 9-4 Shaffishayes, 7-2 Prize Pupil, 20-1 Crucis, 25-1 others.

5.30 GARFORTH HANDICAP
(£3,904: 1m 2f 6yd) (19)

1	(4)	40-0	MUZRAK 12 M Hammond 4-9-12	M Mathers (7)	–
2	(9)	1452	HILLZAH 7 (CD,F,G,S) R Bastiman 7-9-12	H Bastiman (5)	95
3	(3)	60-0	CALDER KING 48 (C,F,S) J Eyre 4-9-10	J Fortune	90
4	(5)	/0-0	EDEN'S CLOSE 13 (F) M Tompkins 6-9-10	S Mulvey (5)	–
5	(6)	05/	OBELOS 567 Mrs J Cecil 4-9-8	T Ives	–
6	(7)	440-	SALLYOREALLY 51J W Storey 4-9-7	D R McCabe (3)	85
7	(19)	00-0	COLONEL COLT 13 R Dickin 4-9-7	J Lowe	94
8	(16)	000-	KING CURAN 169 (F,G,S) A Bailey 4-9-7	V Halliday (5)	94
9	(8)	10-0	BESCABY BOY 13 (C,D,F,G,S) J Wharton 9-9-5	M Birch	94
10	(11)	400-	HUNTERS' HEAVEN 25J (D,G) J Mackie 4-9-5	G Carter	92
11	(14)	00-3	AUGUSTAN 11 (D,F) S Gollings 4-9-4	D Holland	92
12	(1)	133-	DOUCE MAISON 173 (G) A Jarvis 4-9-2	K Darley	92
13	(17)	365-	LOCHORE 411 (G) Mrs V Aconley 5-9-0	Dale Gibson	–
14	(15)	045-	DRUMMER HICKS 170 (D,F,G,S) E Weymes 6-9-0	Dean McKeown	●
15	(13)	-380	ZANZARA 16 (F) Mrs V Aconley 4-8-13	T Williams	87
16	(12)	24-5	KALOU 12 (V) C W C Elsey 4-8-12	L Charnock	92
17	(10)	60-0	MYFONTAINE 16 (C,D,F,G,S) K Ivory 8-8-11	G Duffield	91
18	(18)	000-	SOMMERSBY 144 A Stewart 4-8-11	S Whitworth	88
19	(2)	30-2	CELTIC CEILIDH 20 J Wharton 4-8-11	R Cochrane	85

7-1 Augustan, 8-1 Hillzah, Drummer Hicks, 10-1 Eden's Close, Kalou, Douce Maison, 12-1 others.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

1.50 Lewesdon Hill. 2.20 Heresthedeal. 2.55 Rustic Gent. 3.30 Maid Equal. 4.00 Kemys Commander. 4.35 Young Brave. 5.10 Reve En Rose.

Brian Beel: 4.35 Young Brave.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

1.50 JACK RUSSELL MAIDEN CHASE
(£2,794: 3m 110yd) (8 runners)

1	PPBP	EJAY HAITCH 15 S Harris 10-11-2	B Dalton
2	3306	LEWESDON HILL 7 (B,G,S) P Nicholls 8-11-2	N Williamson
3	4-RF	MATAWAI 18 Mrs J Renfree-Barons 8-11-2	Mr G Shenkin (7)
4	FP-R	TAMERS GLEN 59P T Forster 8-11-2	A Thornton
5	P2	CREW GIRL 80J J Webber 6-10-11	B McCourt
6	P0F5	MIDORI 28 Mrs A Tomlinson 7-10-11	Mr K Green
7	SPUU	MISCHIEVOUS GIRL 76 R Tate 7-10-11	Mrs F Needham
8	2FFP	PENLEA LADY 91 Mrs M Jones 8-10-11	R Dunwoody

6-4 Lewesdon Hill, 11-4 Tamers Glen, 5-1 Matawai, 8-1 Penlea Lady, 10-1 others.

2.20 FOX SELLING HURDLE (£2,285: 2m) (14)

1	2F5P	ELEGANT FRIEND 16 (CD,G,S) M Tompkins 7-12-10	D Gallagher
2	/0-P	WESSEX WARRIOR 44 (D,F) J Eyre 9-11-12	O Pears
3	-00P	BURTONWOODS BEST 15 (C,G) S Harris 9-11-8	T Descombe (7)
4	100-	MILL BURN 320 (D,G) A Forbes 6-11-6	T Eley (3)
5	66	AL BILLAL 111 (B) K Wingrove 7-11-0	J Ryan
6		AMAAM AMAAM 211F W Musson 5-11-0	Richard Guest
7	6-P	AMATOR'S DREAM 7 J Pearce 5-11-0	J McLaughlin
8	5462	HERESTHEDEAL 20 Mrs M McCourt 6-11-0	B McCourt
9	003P	MARKETING MAN 28 Pat Mitchell 5-11-0	A P McCoy
10		STRETCHIT G McCain 5-11-0	D McCain
11		SIX 289F D Burchell 4-10-8	D J Burchell
12		DOME PATROL 30F C Popham 4-10-8	M A Fitzgerald
13	0030	HOW'S IT GOIN 8 W Muir 4-10-8	S McNeill
14	0	PINATUBO 65 (BF) M Pipe 4-10-8	R Dunwoody

3-1 Heresthedeal, 5-1 How's It Goin, 6-1 Dome Patrol, 7-1 Pinatubo, 8-1 others.

2.55 NORFOLK CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,660: 2m) (8)

1	5020	RAMSTAR 18 (B,C,S) C Mann 7-12-0	D Fortt
2	331-	GOOD FOR A LOAN 452F (D,F,G) R Lee 8-11-12	P McLoughlin
3	-3P5	MENAGHI 23 (D,G) J Mackie 8-11-8	D Webb (7)
4	11F4	CAPTAIN CHANCE 188 (B) Mrs C Coward 7-11-7	J Driscoll (3)
5	4FPU	CALDECOTT 40 (G) Mrs S Smith 9-11-2	R Wilkinson (3)
6	3024	RUSTIC GENT 32 (V,CD,F,S) Mrs L Jewell 7-10-13	A P McCoy
7	F203	CIRCULATION 30 (D,B,S) D McCain 9-10-12	D McCain
8	4P40	MAYOR OF LISCARROL 166 (F) M Smith 10-10-7	A Larnach

3-1 Ramstar, 4-1 Menaghi, 9-2 Captain Chance, 6-1 Good For A Loan, 8-1 others.

3.30 BLACK AND TAN NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,540: 2m 4f 110yd) (12)

1	B12U	LIEN DE FAMILLE 33 (S) J Quinn 5-11-10	L Wyer
2	00	ALBARONSKI 14 M McMillan 6-11-3	N Williamson
3	UDF0	BALLYHAMAGE 7 J Evans 7-11-3	Mr R Johnson (7)
4	2-0	COULIN LOCH 71 M Wilkinson 6-11-3	R Supple
5	PPP	DARASABS 10P Mrs C Coward 5-11-3	J Driscoll (7)
6	0043	DRUMMOND WARRIOR 16 T Thomson Jones 6-11-3	M A Fitzgerald
7	540P	FLINTERS 11 (B) D McCain 8-11-3	D McCain
8	3	NOVA CHAMP 18 Mrs S Smith 7-11-3	Richard Guest
9	/P-R	TAILS U WIN 32P J Smith 9-11-3	A Thornton
10	00	COMPUTER PICKINGS 16 Mrs A Swinbank 6-10-12	J K McCarthy (7)
11	D61	MAID EQUAL 28 (S) M Pipe 4-10-12	R Dunwoody
12	0066	PENNY JANE 2 G Gunn 6-10-12	S Keightley

6-4 Lien De Famille, 7-2 Nova Champ, 9-2 Maid Equal, 5-1 others.

4.00 HARRY BISSILL MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,054: 2m 4f) (9)

1	1223	PHILIP'S WOODY 139 (D,BF,F,G,S) N Henderson 7-11-10	M A Fitzgerald
2	322P	BOSTON ROVER 18 (D,BF,F,G,S) D Brennan 10-11-1	M Brennan
3	2120	BASILICUS 12 (D,S) Mrs S Smith 6-10-13	Richard Guest
4	F004	BEACH BUM 16 (G) Mrs J Young 9-10-11	G Upton
5	/P-F	HI JANE 6 (D,F,G,S) Mrs A Naughton 11-10-11	J Supple (5)
6	2210	KEMYS COMMANDER 180 (D,BF,F,G,S) Mrs N Macauley 10-10-9	N Williamson
7	13PR	HURRICANE TOMMY 16 (V,D,F,G) A J Wilson 8-10-7	J R Kavanagh
8	0405	SECRET SUMMIT 78 (C,F,G,S) A Forbes 9-10-5	Gary Lyons
9	UU4P	DAN DE LYON 55 (S) C Popham 7-10-2	M Bosley

7-4 Philip's Woody, 4-1 Boston Rover, 9-2 Basilicus, 5-1 Kemys Commander, 8-1 Hurricane Tommy, 14-1 Beach Bum, 16-1 others.

4.35 DALY NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,283: 3m 110yd) (12)

1	13US	ADAMARE 189 (F,G) Mrs D Schilling 11-12-7	Chris Wilson (7)
2	-313	MR FUDGE 13 (F,G) M Sowersby 8-12-7	R H Brown (5)
3	232	DALAMETRE 25P (G,S) Miss J Pidgeon 8-12-0	J Smyth-Osbourne (7)
4	322	FREDDIE FOX 10P (G,S) A Ganon 9-12-0	T Ganon (7)
5	5242	GENERAL GIGGS 25P (B) J Leigh 7-12-0	C Bonner (5)
6	0-11	IDEAL 25P (S) R Mathias 10-12-0	J Rees (7)
7		MAJOR LOOK S Brookshaw 7-12-0	S Brookshaw (5)
8	-P65	PHILIPINTOWN LAD 10P (B) Mrs S Thornton 12-12-0	R Thornton (7)
9	1-5P	R N COMMANDER 10P (G) J Cornwall 9-12-0	J R Cornwall (7)
10	2115	SEARCY 14 (F,G,S) T Long 7-12-0	J Creighton (7)
11	23PF	WHEAL PROSPER 12 (B,F,G,S) Mrs D Schilling 10-12-0	R Hubbard (7)
12	3112	YOUNG BRAVE 18 (F,S) D Young 9-12-0	M G Miller (7)

3-1 Young Brave, 4-1 Searcy, 9-2 Ideal, 6-1 Mr Fudge, 8-1 Dalametre, 10-1 Freddie Fox, Adamare, 14-1 others.

5.10 BORDER MARES ONLY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,067: 2m) (10)

1	/13	BLUSHING BELLE 27 (F,G,S) J White 7-12-0	P McLoughlin (3)
2	-P15	KEEL ROW 46 (G) T Thomson Jones 5-11-11	M A Fitzgerald
3	5146	CHADWICK'S GINGER 127 (CD,F,G) W Tinning 7-11-8	S Turner
4	3480	RAMBOLLINA 30F M W Easterby 4-10-12	J Driscoll (7)
5	4544	REVE EN ROSE 4 (D,F,G) M McMillan 9-10-10	N Williamson
6	0-50	MAGIC BLOOM 30 (D,F,G) J Jefferson 9-10-7	L Wyer
7	0025	TRECENTO 8 J Mackie 4-10-4	T Eley (3)
8	00P	MISSUS MURHILL 26F N Tinkler 4-10-0	E Husband (5)
9	0000	COMANECI 11 (D,G) K Bridgwater 7-10-0	J Lodder
10	-065	STARLIGHT WONDER 121 (D,F,G) R Barr 9-10-0	N Smith

5-4 Keel Row, 9-2 Blushing Belle, 7-1 Rambollina, 8-1 Trecento, 12-1 others.

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JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 18 winners from 64 rides, 28.1%; N Williamson, 12 from 46, 26.1%; S Keightley, 11 from 43, 25.6%; G McCourt, 10 from 44, 22.7%; R Supple, 16 from 89, 18.0%; Richard Guest, 6 from 45, 13.3%.

Operation for Maguire

ADRIAN MAGUIRE, who fractured his right arm near the elbow in a fall at Hereford on Monday, had an operation last night and looks sure to miss the rest of the season (Richard Evans writes). Richard Dunwoody will decide this morning whether to ride today after aggravating an old knee injury at Wetherby yesterday.

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Former world champion bows out as youngster keeps his nerve

Unheralded Hicks condemns Davis to first-round defeat

By Phil Yates

FOR only the fourth time in 17 visits to the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, Steve Davis, winner of the title on six occasions in the 1980s, has failed to progress past the first round of the Embassy world snooker championship.

Davis was beaten 10-7 yesterday by Andy Hicks, 21, a raw left-hander from Tavistock who was making his first appearance at the game's most famous venue. Yet the result did not come as a complete surprise. Hicks had compiled three consecutive century breaks when defeating Davis 5-3 in the quarter-finals of the Skoda Grand Prix earlier this season, and Davis has struggled badly in recent tournaments, particularly at the British Open two weeks ago.

Davis, whose last first-round elimination at the championship was at the hands of Peter Ebdon in 1992, has now lost any hope of replacing his great rival, Stephen Hendry, at the top of the world rankings for next season. "My general standard of late hasn't been as good as in previous years," he said. "Sometimes I have problems motivating myself at the start of a match, and this [defeat] could be a help because it's a real kick up the backside."

Mistakes in every department contributed to Davis's 6-3 overnight deficit, and when Hicks won the opening two frames yesterday to lead 8-3, Davis was heading for his heaviest defeat at the championship since his 10-1 reversal against Tony Knowles in the first round 13 years ago.

However, Davis then displayed his renowned fighting qualities. Breaks of 40, 57, 55 and 42 laid the foundation for his success in the next four frames, and Hicks might have been expected to wilt. However, in the sixteenth frame, he provided an answer. He laid an excellent snooker on the green, and when Davis went in-off attempting to escape, Hicks held his composure to clear up for a 9-7 advantage.

Davis had the initial scoring opportunity in the seventeenth frame, but, leading 20-0 and in a promising scoring position, he missed a black off its spot, and Hicks pounced with an 84 break, his highest of the contest.

"It's a harder marketplace to be playing in than it used to be, but the highs still outweigh the lows," Davis said. "I don't know whether I'll ever win another world title, but I didn't know I'd ever win one in the first place. I'm not going to give up the fight, but I hate losing and I hate playing like I did in the first session."

Hicks, the world No 33, is joined in the last 16 by the vastly experienced Willie Thorne, who converted a 5-4 overnight lead into a 10-6 victory over Tai Pichit, of Thailand. Pichit, who negotiated eight qualifying matches at Blackpool in Janaury, won the eleventh frame on the black and the thirteenth with a respotted black to remain in contention at 7-6 behind, but a 94 break enabled Thorne to move 8-6 ahead and regain control.

Thorne said he was thankful for what he regarded as a favourable draw. "Not many new professionals come the Crucible for the first time and play well. Just look at John Higgins. He's a great player who was made to look ordinary," Thorne said in reference to a 10-3 first-round defeat for Higgins against Alan McManus.

John Parrott, the champion in 1991, recovered from a hesitant start to lead Brian Morgan 5-3. After losing three of the opening four frames, Parrott levelled at 3-3 with runs of 45 and 61 before he won the closing two frames of the session on the pink.

□ An inquiry by the World Professional Billiard and Snooker Association (WPBSA), the game's governing body, convenes in Sheffield this afternoon after allegations of an attempted betting coup before Jimmy White's 10-2 win over Peter Francisco on Sunday.

DETAILS

FIRST ROUND: A Hicks (Eng) bt S Davis (Eng) 10-7; W Thorne (Eng) bt T Pichit (Thai) 10-6; J Swail (N Ire) leads N Gilbert (Eng) 5-1; J Parrott (Eng) leads B Morgan (Eng) 5-3.

ERIC WHITEHEAD

Hicks keeps his concentration on the way to a 10-7 victory over Davis

Atherton's extra circuits

By Simon Wilde

FENNER'S (first day of three; Lancashire won toss): Lancashire have scored 245 for four wickets against Cambridge University

NOT for the first time, Michael Atherton yesterday found himself making less noise than a far-off Raymond Illingworth. On this occasion, though, he had himself partly to blame because, even before the man with two England titles had announced at Edgbaston that it would be a while yet before Atherton would know whether he could continue using one, the Lancashire opening batsman had singularly failed to take toll of a weak student attack.

Last year, the only time Atherton passed 60 in a poor season for Lancashire was in a free-flowing 86 at Fenner's but yesterday he never suggested a repeat performance. During an 80-minute stay, frustrated three times by hail and rain, he grafted unconvincingly for 20 runs before steering a ball from Whittall, the Cambridge captain and off spinner, to backward square leg.

It was a sorry start to the season for Atherton, although to be fair, Haste and Janisch never let the batsmen rest early on. But there were rich pickings to be had, as Speak and Crawley subsequently demonstrated during a stand of 146 runs in 36 overs.

Crawley cut an impressive figure even before he took guard, the training regime since his return from Australia having already taken more than a stone off his weight. He kept pace with Speak but failed to take similar care over securing a century and was bowled for 74 attempting to heave a ball from Janisch through his favourite mid-wicket area.

One generous let-off on 91 aside, Speak's century never looked in doubt. By the time he reached it, at 5.40 after 3½ hours at the crease, a disconsolate-looking Atherton was on his umpteenth perambulation around the boundary.

SCOREBOARD

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

M A Atherton c Janisch b Whittall	20
N J Speak c Carroll b Haste	116
J P Crawley b Janisch	74
N H Fairbrother not out	24
G D Lloyd lbw b Haste	9
*M Watkinson not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 1)	2
Total (4 wkts, 79 overs)	245

I D Austin, †W K Hegg, G Yates, P J Martin and G Keedy to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-192, 3-225, 4-245

BOWLING: Haste 21-3-30-2; Janisch 17-1-69-1; Whittall 26-6-83-1; Freeth 15-5-61-0

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: R T Ragnauth, D I Stanley, J Ratledge, R Q Cake, J P Carroll, R A Battye, †M J Birks, *A R Whittall, N J Haste, A N Janisch, J W O Freeth.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and B J Meyer

Morris grinds out century

By Ivo Tennant

THE PARKS (first day of three: Oxford University won toss): Glamorgan have scored 360 for five wickets against Oxford University

INVITED to bat on a pitch so slow as to make cutting nigh impossible, Glamorgan did so all day. If there was a predictability about that and the conditions, and a hailstorm interrupting play, there was also much to absorb.

The bulk of the runs came through a century by Hugh Morris, and a more expansive innings by Matthew Maynard. Not until well after tea did Morris look to do other than accumulate. In the first session he made 27, in the second, 55. But he is a man who needs a good season as last year he managed just one first-class century. Yesterday he could have done without a *helmet and grille on the* softest pitch he will come upon all season.

Oxford's attack was not waspish; it probably has not been since Imran Khan's day. Yet it was steady enough, MacRobert bowling with an economy and accuracy that will keep him going for many a long spell. He is a South African and, inevitably, is at Keble, the one college whose admissions tutors still take cricketing ability into account.

By the time hail briefly stopped play, Morris and Maynard were well into a partnership that realised 162 runs in 42 overs. Even in these conditions, Maynard was soon going through with his drives as if it was high summer. When he was taken at the wicket, he had made 86 off 121 balls.

The demands of taking a benefit may well have had something to do with Morris's form last year. The sum he made, £118,837, was a record for Glamorgan, although Don Shepherd's £3,200 in 1960 would have been roughly equivalent, allowing for inflation. Morris was in for almost five hours. He will make more than one century this season.

SCOREBOARD

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

A Dale c MacRobert b Martin	23
*H Morris c Townsend b Ricketts	125
M P Maynard c Townsend b Macmillan	86
P A Cottey c Macmillan b Ricketts	37
S P James run out	28
R D B Croft not out	31
G P Butcher not out	4
Extras (lb 8, w 2, nb 16)	26
Total (5 wkts, 96 overs)	360

N M Kendrick, R P Lefebvre, †C P Metson and S L Watkin to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-198, 3-291, 4-307, 5-354

BOWLING: MacRobert 18-1-64-0; Mather 14-2-50-0; Martin 14-2-61-1; Malik 24-3-78-0; Macmillan 15-1-53-1; Ricketts 11-2-46-2.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: *G I Macmillan, I J Sutcliffe, C M Gupte, A C Ridley, W S Kendall, H S Malik, N F C Martin, A D MacRobert, J D Ricketts, †C J Townsend, D P Mather.

Umpires: P Adams and N T Plews.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

BARCELONA: World League: Barcelona Dragons 10 Scottish Claymores 7

ATHLETICS

BOSTON MARATHON: Leading finishers (Kenya unless stated): 1, C Ndeti 2hr 9min 22sec. 2, M Tanui 2:10:22. 3, L Antonio Dos Santos (Br) 2:11:02. 4, L Aguta 2:11:03. 5, P Yego 2:11:13. 6, A Juzdado (Sp) 2:12:04. 7, J Kim (S Kor) 2:12:15. 8, S Nyangincha (Japan) 2:12:16. Women: 1, U Pippig (Ger) 2:25:11. 2, E Meyer (SA) 2:26:51. 3, M Biktagirova (Belo) 2:29:00. 4, F Moser (Switz) 2:29:35. 5, Y Danson (GB) 2:30:53. 6, Y Yamamoto (Japan) 2:31:39. 7, M Tanigawa (Japan) 2:31:48. 8, S Mahony (Aus) 2:33:07

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Boston 98 New Jersey 96; Miami 93 Chicago 98, New York 93 Milwaukee 99; Orlando 111 Washington 100; Philadelphia 99 Charlotte 101 Houston 121 LA Clippers 111, Seattle 93 Portland 97

CRICKET

ST KITTS: Tour match: Board XI 261 (N H Perry 57 not out, O D Gibson 55, T B A May 4 for 73) and 253-6 (R Samuels 95, S Campbell 53) Australians 317 (G S Blewett 93, M A Taylor 62, M J Slater 60) Match drawn.

CYCLING

TIME-TRIALS: Leicestershire RC (hilly, 30 miles) Winners: G Platts (Coalville Wheelers) 1 11:53 (course and event record). Team: Coalville Wheelers, 3.57.17. Bishop's Stortford CC (hilly, 27.5 miles): J King (Pro Circuit MTB) 1 12:21 Team: Bishop's Stortford CC, 3.53:08. East Anglian CC (Dereham, 25 miles). A Newark (CC Breckland) 55:45 Team: CC Breckland, 2 53 01 Coventry RC (two-up, 25 miles) I Robson and M Purshouse (Warwickshire RC) 56:14. Weaver Valley CC (Cheshire, 25 miles). S Shand (De Laune CC) 57:02 Team: TS Tameside, 2.57 47 Hereford and District Wheelers (25 miles): C Wallace (Hirwaun Wheelers) 59:30 Brighton Mitre CC (hilly, 25 miles). M Jones (GS Stella), 1 02 40 (course and event record) Team: GS Stella, 3 11 46

FOOTBALL

Monday's late results

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Blackburn Rovers 2 Manchester City 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Blackburn	38	25	8	5	76	34	83
2 Man Utd	38	23	9	6	70	24	78
3 Nottm F	39	20	10	9	67	40	70
4 Liverpool	37	19	10	8	61	30	67
5 Newcastle	38	19	10	9	61	41	67
6 Leeds	38	17	12	9	52	35	63

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Third division: Hereford 0 Mansfield 0

DUTCH LEAGUE: NEC Nijmegen 1 Sparta Rotterdam 1; Willem II Tilburg 0 Roda JC Kerkrade 0; Utrecht 1 Vitesse Arnhem 4; Volendam 0 RKC Waalwijk 2; Feyenoord Rotterdam 0 Twente Enschede 3

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Belenenses 0 FC Porto 2.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Charleroi 2 Anderlecht 1

ARGENTINE LEAGUE: San Lorenzo 2 Gimnasia Y Esgrima de Jujuy 1, Belgrano de Cordoba 1 River Plate 0; Boca 0 Racing 1, Independiente 0 Banfield 1; Lanus 0 Huracan 1, Rosario Central 0 Platense 0; Gimnasia Y Esgrima La Plata 1 Deportivo Español 0; Argentinos Juniors 2 Deportivo Mandiyu 2; Velez Sarsfield 2 Talleres 1; Ferro Carril Oeste 2 Newell's Old Boys 1

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: São Paulo championship: Ferroviaria 2 Guarani 0; Juventus 2 Bragantino 0; Palmeiras 3 Portuguesa 0; Ponte Preta 0 Corinthians 1, Santos 1 Novorizontino 1, São Paulo 2 Aracatuba 1, Uniao São Joao 1 America/SJ do Rio Preto 1. XV de Piracicaba 2 Rio Branco 1. Rio de Janeiro championship: Bangu 0 Entrerriense 0; Botafogo 1 Flamengo 0; Volta Redonda 1 Fluminense 3

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Montreal 5 Washington 2; Chicago 1 Toronto 3, Dallas 2 Vancouver 2 (OT), Winnipeg 5 Edmonton 6, Calgary 5 Los Angeles 2; Anaheim 3 San Jose 0

MOTOR RACING

BRANDS HATCH: British Touring Car Championships: Results: Third round: 1, T Harvey (Volvo 850), 23min 45.55sec (avg 75.98mph). 2, P Radisch (Ford Mondeo) 23.51.49; 3, K Burt (Ford Mondeo) 23.54.65. 4, D Brabham (BMW 318i) 24.05.17; 5, C Cox (Ford Mondeo), at 1 lap. 6, J Bailey (Toyota Carina), 1 lap. Fourth round: 1, Harvey 24 56.63 (78.16mph). 2, J Thompson (Vauxhall Cavalier) 24 58.32. 3, R Rydell (Volvo 850) 25.01.21. 4, Burt, 25.02.09s; 5, J Cecotto (BMW 318i), 25.03.79. 6, Brabham 25.04.58s

THRUXTON: British Formula Three championship: Third round (10 laps) 1, O Gavin (GB, Dallara Vauxhall) 12min 01.82sec (117.6mph). 2, H Castro Neves (Br, Dallara Mugen Honda) at 4.09sec. 3, G Salles (Br) at 6.37. 4, J Dufour (Fr, Dallara Mugen Honda) at 6.77. Fourth round (10 laps) 1, Gavin 14.08.33. 2, R Firman (GB, Dallara Mugen Honda) at 2.87. 3, J Matthews (GB, Dallara Mugen Honda) at 16.73. 4, Dufour at 19.66. Standings: 1, Firman 55pts; 2, Gavin 46. 3, Arnold 36. 4, Hughes 30; 5, Dufour 30

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Sheffield 26 Featherstone 16

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: North Island XV 35 Canada XV 40 (in Rotorua, New Zealand)

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Reading 54 Oxford 42.

TENNIS

LA MANGA: Fed Cup: Group A: Czech Republic 3 Great Britain 0 (Czech Republic names first: H Sukova bt S-A Siddall 6-3, 6-2. J Novotna bt C Wood 6-2, 6-2. N and Sukova bt Jo Durie and Wood 6-7, 6-1, 6-2). Slovenia 2 Poland 1 (Slovenia names first: B Mulej bt A Olsza 6-4, 1-6, 6-4; T Krizan bt M Grzybowska 7-5, 6-3; T Jecmenik and Krizan lost to Grzybowska and Olsza 6-1, 4-6, 1-6). Group B: Hungary 3 Russia 0 (Hungary names first: P Mandula bt E Makarova 6-4, 6-1. A Temesvari bt E Likhovtseva 6-4, 5-1. Mandula and Temesvari bt Likhovtseva and E Makarova 5-7, 7-6, 6-4). Ukraine 2 Georgia 1 (Ukraine names first: T Beliko bt V Bakhtadze 6-0, 6-1. O Lugina lost to N Louarsabishvili 3-6, 0-6. Beliko and Lugina bt Bakhtadze and Louarsabishvili 6-2, 6-3). Group C: Belorussia 2 Latvia 1 (Belorussia names first: T Ignatieva bt U Bushevitsa 6-2, 7-5. N Zvereva bt A Blumberga 6-0, 6-0. M Stets and V [illegible] 4-6, 6-3, 5-7). Switzerland 3 Finland 0 (Switzerland names first: G Dondit bt H-K Aalto 6-3, 6-7, 11-9. M Hingis bt N Dahlman 6-1, 7-6. Hingis and J Manta bt Aalto and Dahlman 6-1, 6-1). Group D: Belgium 2 Romania 1 (Belgium names first: L Courtois bt C Cristea 7-6, 6-2. S Appelmans lost to R Dragomir 2-6, 4-6. Courtois and Appelmans bt Cristea and Dragomir 6-0, 6-2). Croatia 3 Israel 0 (Croatia names first: M Palaversic bt T Obziler 6-3, 7-6. I Majoli bt A Smashnova 6-1, 4-6, 6-3. N Ercegovic and S Talaja bt S Burstein and Obziler 6-0, 6-2).

NICE: Men's tournament: First round: P Fromberg (Aus) bt G Schaller (Austria) 6-2, 7-6. D Vacek (Cz) bt Ar Boetsch (Fr) 6-2, 6-2. A Corretja (Sp) bt R Agenor 4-6, 6-4, 6-0. X Goossens (Bel) bt K Kucera (Cz) 6-3, 6-3. T Carbonell (Sp) bt O Delaitre (Fr) 6-3, 6-0. H Leconte (Fr) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro) 4-6, 1-0 ret. M Woodforde (Aus) bt H Skoff (Austria) 6-3, 7-6. Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt D Wheaton (US) 6-3, 6-0; R Carretero (Sp) bt F Vitoux (Fr) 6-1, 6-4. E Kafelnikov (Russ) bt D Wheaton (US) 6-3, 6-0. M Rosset (Switz) bt M Filippini (Uru) 6-4, 6-2

HAMILTON, Bermuda: Men's tournament: First round: M Tabbutt (Aus) bt H Gurny (Arg) 4-6, 7-6, 6-4. B Ulihrach (Cz) bt C Ruud (Nor) 3-6, 7-5, 6-2; M Hadad (Col) bt B Steven (NZ) 0-6, 6-4, 6-3. J Morgan (Aus) bt D Witt (US) 6-2, 6-4. B Shelton (US) bt A Mancisidor (Sp) 6-2, 7-5. R Vasek (Cz) bt F Meligeni (Arg) 1-6, 6-4, 6-3. L Jonsson (Swe) bt A O'Brien (US) 1-6, 6-2, 7-5

HONG KONG: Men's tournament: First round: W Ferreira (SA) bt J Bates (GB) 7-5, 6-4; A Volkov (Russ) bt O Sela (Isr) 6-3, 6-3; K Carlsen (Den) bt J Grabb (US) 6-4, 7-5; D Prinosil (Ger) bt S Lareau (Can) 7-5, 1-6, 6-3; M Chang (US) bt J Hlasek (Switz) 6-1, 6-3; J Courier (US) bt Yoon Yong-il (S Kor) 6-2, 6-4.

YACHTING

SAN DIEGO: America's Cup: Series finals: *Louis Vuitton Cup (challengers)*: Team New Zealand (R Coutts) bt oneAustralia (J Bertrand) by 3min 54sec. Standings: Team New Zealand leads best-of-series series 4-1. Citizen Cup (defenders). Mighty Mary (L Egnot) bt Stars and Stripes (D Conner) 37sec. Standings: equal 1, Mighty Mary, Stars & Stripes and Young America 3

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

PERCHIST

(b) A poetic nonce-word for a trapeze-artist. Louis MacNeice, *Earth Compels*, 1938. *Perchists*: "They rise into the tent's/ Top like deep-sea divers/ Hang by their teeth/ Beneath the cone of canvas."

PUTZ

(a) Dialect, in Pennsylvania Dutch homes, for a representation of the Nativity scene traditionally placed under a Christmas tree, from the German *putz* decoration, ornaments. "In Pennsylvania, Jews who know Yiddish are often startled during the Christmas season by ads inviting the public to some company's putz. This German word for decoration means, in Pennsylvania Dutch, a Nativity scene."

RUDD

(b) Used attributively and in the possessive in *Rudd('s) table*, an elaborately appointed lady's toilet table of the late 18th century. Eponym of Margaret Caroline Rudd (d. 1779), a famous courtesan for whom the table may have been invented.

PANCHAMA

(c) A member of the fifth division of early Indian society, outside the four main divisions of Brahmin, Kshatrya, Vasiya and Sudra: a pariah, an *outcaste*. This caste was also called *Pancham Bandam*. From the Sanskrit word meaning the fifth.

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MONDAY'S POINT-TO-POINT RESULTS

BRAES OF DERWENT (Tranwell) Hunt 1. Gutting Gray (Miss A Hicks, 2-5 fav). 2. Hazel Wand 3 Star Lea. 6 ran. Confined 1. True Fair (A Robson 2-5 fav) 2. Mill Knock. 3. Wheelies Newmember. 3 ran Open 1. Swiss Beau (R Lite 9-4) 2. Kidlaw 3. Raver's Lad. 5 ran. Ladies 1. Amber Payne (Miss C LaClaw, 25-1) 2. Bow Handy Man 3 Dorford Hur 6 ran Rest 1. Miss Enrico (K Anderson, 5-2 fav). 2. Ins A Deal. 3 Hydropic. 6 ran. Open Mdn 1. Say Milady (A Robson 8-1) 2. Rushing Burn. 3 Gay Voter. 11 ran Open Mdn (5-7yo) 1. Joe's Blackjack (K Anderson, 5-1 jt-fav). 2 Silver Frolic 3. War Lady 9 ran

EAST KENT (Aldington) Rest 1. Steele Quarter (A Hickman, 2-1 jt-fav) 2. Political Man 3 Rolleston Blade 12 ran Confined 1. Green's Van Goyen (T McCarthy, Evens fav) 2. Karm Park 3. Penny Forum. 9 ran. Ladies 1 Tommy-The-Bill (Mrs E Coveney, 1-4 fav), 2. Captain Barney 3. Sacrosanct. 4 ran Open. 1. Strong Gold (T McCarthy, 4-6 fav) 2 Another Troup 3 Kuchesan Lad 4 ran. Open Mdn I 1. Tau (F Warr 3-1). 2. Clean Sweep 3. Polar Ana. 8 ran Open Mdn II 1. Eagle Bid (T McCarthy, 2-1). 2. Pett Lad 3 Ballyurena. 9 ran. Hunt 1. Prince Zeus (G Knowles. Evens jt-fav). finished alone 4 ran

EGGESFORD (Bishopsleigh) Hunt 1. Kaloore (P Scholfield 2-7 fav) 2. Gajar. 3. Darktown Strutter 5 ran Ladies 1 Knattal (Miss J Cumings 2-5 fav). 2. Grey Guestino. only 2 finished 3 ran. Confined 1. Chasby (J Culloty 7-2). 2. Horwood Ghost only 2 finished 4 ran. Rest 1 Blue-Bird Express (Miss V Stephens 10-1) 2 Clonrocken Lad 3. Christmas Bash 10 ran. Open 1 Alrerkelly (R White 7-2 fav) 2. Rapid Rascal. 3 More Tidy 3 ran. Mdn 1 Cute Enchantress (I Widdicombe, 12-1) 2 Dusty Furlong 3. Hensue 10 ran

ESSEX FARMERS & UNION (Marks Tey) Open Mdn 1 Doctor Dick (S Cowell, 6-1) 2. Bruff Castle 3 Fragment. 8 ran Rest 1 The Right Kind (T Moore 4-7 fav) 2. Cool Apollo. 3. Chad's Lodge 5 ran Land Rover Open. 1 Stay On Tracks (N King 1-5 fav): 2. Greenhills Pride only 2 finished 2 ran Ladies 1 Springmount (Mrs L Wrighton 2-7 fav). 2. Major Enquiry. 3. Whistling Eddy: 3 ran Confined 1. River Melody (T Moore, 2-9 fav) 2. Galloway Raider; 3 Peach Leaf 3 ran Hunt 1 Brook Buster (A Coe Evens fav); 2 Fenwick 3 Run Token 5 ran

FOUR BURROW (Wadebridge) Hunt 1. Sunwind (D Heath, Evens). 2. Sancreed. only 2 finished. 3 ran. Confined 1. Fair Enchantress (C Heard, 2-1) 2. Senegalais. 3. Moorland Abbot 4 ran Open 1. Stoke Hand (C Heard 1-4 fav) 2 Cold Marble only 2 finished 2 ran. Rest 1 Gan Awry (Miss M Hand) finished alone Ladies 1. Sweet On Willie (Mrs M Hand, 2-7 fav). 2. Aristocratic Gold. only 2 finished 2 ran Open Mdn 1. Roses In May (Miss S Young, 4-1). 2. M-Reg. 3. Miss Kenmac 4 ran.

NORTH COTSWOLD (Andoversford) Hunt 1. Allnebrocky (Miss E Gratton, 2-1) 2. Game Set. 3. Noel Luck. 4 ran Confined 1 Granville Grill (J Deutsch Evens fav). 2. The City Minstrel. 3. Celtic Storm 5 ran. Ladies 1. Straight Bat (Miss S Sadler, 2-1). 2. Solar Cloud 3. Balivorio 3 ran. Open 1. Tricksome (Julian Pritchard, 1-3 fav) 2. Tompot. 3 Ebony Star. 5 ran. Rest 1. Roaming Shadow (J Hankinson. 3-1). 2. Mr Parrot. 3 Welsh Clover 6 ran Open Mdn 1 Slight Panic (T Stephenson, 8-11). 2. Colonel Fairfax. 3. Quail Creek. 11 ran

OLD BERKSHIRE (Lockinge) Hunt 1. The Holy Golfer (C Smyth, 4-9 fav) 2. Val's Chat. only 2 finished 2 ran. Open Mdn 1. Emerald Knight (P Henley, 7-2 fav). 2. Balmoral Boy. 3. Autumn Ride 10 ran Confined 1. Arise (F Brennan, 4-5 fav). 2. Standaway. 3. Mr Maytas 4 ran Open 1. Chapcur (G Maundrell, 6-4). 2. Mr Murdock only 2 finished 2 ran Ladies 1. Pigeon Island (Miss A Wilson) finished alone Intermediate 1. Sparabruco (A Charles-Jones, 9-4). 2. Dancing Doris. only 2 finished. 2 ran

SOUTHDOWN & ERIDGE (Heathfield) Hunt 2 ran Open Mdn 1. King's Maverick (P Hacking, 4-6 fav). 2. Iced Ginger. 3. Albury Rose. 3 ran. Confined 1. Sparkling Blake (P Hacking, 3-1). 2. Ollie's Lady only 2 finished 2 ran Ladies 1. Clover Coin (Miss J Grant, 1-4 fav). 2. Gravelands, only 2 finished 2 ran Open 1, Yeoman Farmer (P Hacking): finished alone. Rest 1. Barn Elms (P Hacking 4-5 fav). 2. Redelva, only 2 finished 2 ran

SOUTH NOTTS (Thorpe Lodge) Hunt 1. Okeetee (B Crawford, 2-7 fav) 2. Contact Kelvin, only 2 finished. 4 ran Confined 1. Regardless (Mrs J Dawson, 4-9 fav). 2. Bee Garden. 3. Good Team 8 ran Open 1. Old Mill Stream (R Armson, 4-7 fav) 2. Hill Street only 2 finished 3 ran. Ladies 1. Crazy Otto (Miss L Allan, 2-1). 2. Icky's Five 3. Very Daring 4 ran. Rest 1 Somerby (G Sanderson, 5-1) 2. The Difference. 3. Fragrant Fellow 8 ran Open Mdn (Div I). 1. Crawn Hawk (K Needham, 12-1) 2. Fiddler's Drum 3 Tresillian Bay 9 ran Open Mdn II. 1 Majestic Ride (R Armson, 7-4). 2. Jonnie Valentine 3 Chester Ben. 11 ran.

SOUTH PEMBROKESHIRE (Lydstep) Hunt 1. Bancyfelin Boy (J P Keen, 8-1) 2. Helova Battle 3 Moving Force. 4 ran Open Mdn I 1. Penny Lark (P Williams, 3-1). 2. McLoughlin only 2 finished. 8 ran. Open Mdn II 1. Billy-Gwyn (J Tudor 5-2) 2. Moonlight Cruise 3. Pay-U-Cash 11 ran Open 1. Darcy Miller (D S Jones, 6-4). 2 Bronze Effigy only 2 finished 3 ran. Ladies 1, Busman (Miss L Pearce, 3-1); 2. News Review: 3. Fast Freeze 8 ran Rest 1. My Pilot (J Price, 7-2); 2. Wolver's Pet. 3, Valiant Friend. 8 ran. Confined 1. Corry's Caper (J Price, 6-1). 2. La Mezaray. 3. Dewliner. 7 ran.

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE (Eyton-on-Severn): Hunt 1. Board Game (A Beadles, 5-1). 2. Rue De Fort 3. Strike It Right. 6 ran. Open: 1. Moss Castle (A Crow, 1-3 fav). 2. Chip'N'run; 3. Captain Mor. 4 ran. Ladies 1. Couture Tights (Miss J Priest, 1-2 fav); 2. Spartan City. 3. Kellys Pal. 10 ran. Intermediate 1. Korbell (A Crow, 1-2 fav). 2. Tytherington; 3. Foxy Blue. 10 ran. Confined 1. Call Me Citizen (A Crow, 7-4). 2. Ru Valentino. 3. Ronans Birthday 7 ran. Open Mdn (5-7yo) I: 1. Reckless Lord (A Crow, 5-4 fav). 2. Casheroosk; 3. Honeybeed Wood. 9 ran Open Mdn (5-7yo) II 1, Royal Entertainer (R Bevis, 8-1). 2. Shanballymore; 3. Brownscroft. 10 ran

STAINTONDALE (Charm Park) Hunt 1. Ashgrove Cherry (A Pennock, 4-6 fav): finished alone 2 ran. Rest 1. Hurricane Andrew (N Wilson, 5-2). 2. Home Dove: 3. Chapel Island 8 ran. Open: 1. Knowe Head (S Brisby, 1-5 fav). 2. Amy's Mystery: 3. Lodestar. 3 ran. Confined 1. Nishkina (S Charlton, 4-5 fav): 2. Beau Rose, only 2 finished. 3 ran. Ladies: 1. Barry Owen (Miss A Deniel, 2-5 fav); 2. Par Kelly; 3. Mystrommy. 5 ran. Open Mdn I: 1. What A Miss (Miss T Jackson. 5-2) 2. Carly Clever Clogs. 3. Grange Grace 4 ran. Open Mdn II 1. Cumberland Blues (Miss A Deniel, Evens fav). 2, Carlton Lad. 3 Tom The Tank. 4 ran

TAUNTON VALE (Kingston St Mary) Hunt 1 Skipping Tim (Miss S Vickery. 4-6 fav). 2. Blue Dart. 3. Columbique. 3 ran Confined: 1. Bridge Express (Miss H Pavey, 3-1). 2. Toomer Lad. 3. Kitonga. 4 ran Open: 2 ran. Ladies 1. Faithful Star (Miss S Vickery), finished alone. Rest: 1. Baroness Spider (R Atkinson, 1-3 fav); 2. Remember Mac, only 2 finished. 3 ran Open Mdn: 1. Hedera Helix (S Ellis, 4-1). 2. Miss Corinthian, 3. Northlands Way 3 ran.

VINE & CRAVEN (Hackwood Park): Hunt 1. Gentleman's Jig (J Hadden-Wight, 1-2 fav). 2. Merlyns Choice; 3. Ufano 4 ran. BFSS. 1. Treble Chance (Miss S Hanson, 7-4). 2. Skinnhill. 3. Please Explain 4 ran Mixed Open. 1. Glen Cherry (F Scouller, 4-5 fav). 2. Noble Rader. 3. Vutoro 3 ran Open Mdn: 1. Prince's Gift (M Portman, 5-1); 2. Hidden Pleasure; 3. Rydal Pride. 8 ran. Confined 1. Valious (F Scouller, 4-1). 2. See You There: 3. Fasade 4 ran Rest. 1. Little Island (Miss V Hardman, 5-2); 2. Nilo Sur. 3. Pejawi. 5 ran.

TODAY'S POINT-TO-POINT: Tiverton (Hockworthy) 6m west of Wellington (first race 2.00).

Tales not told out of school

King Street Junior. *Radio 4, 12.25pm.*

Jim Eldridge has thus far written every episode of this long-running series about a junior school. From today, he shares the work with others. This morning's episode was written by *Paul Copley*, who plays Mr Long. The innovative division of labour has been effected without loss of quality. I have defended *King Street Junior* against critics who thought it too cosy and old-fashioned. Perhaps its little crises *are* settled too easily, and its emotions *do lie just beneath the* skin. But I think I know enough about junior schools to recognise that, in general, teachers leave *their deeper* problems at home whereas children take theirs to school. This is a truth that *King Street Junior* constantly reflects.

Beyond the Blue Horizon. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

Harry Thompson's wallow in between-the-wars nostalgia is done against a background of a Mittel European *mélange* of fact and fantasy. There was *White Horse Inn* and *Bitter Sweet*, *Goodnight Vienna* and *The Prisoner of Zenda*. There was Karloff's *Frankenstein*, Lugosi's *Dracula* and that shocking man Freud. There were beautiful young waiters in Albanian restaurants entertaining ladies with a national anthem that consisted mainly of the lyric "Zog, Zog, Zog". There was King Ferdinand of Bulgaria locking himself in the lavatory of the Orient Express to avoid assassination. And it all happened to the rhythm of the Viennese waltz. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes 6.30 Steve Wright 9.00 Kevin Greening 12.00 Jo Whiley, presents the show live from Sound City 95 in Bristol. Including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Sound City 95 — Evening Session 10.00 Mark Radcliffe Midnight Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Martyn Lewis 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 8.00 Ralph McTell Presents: Eric Bogle in concert at the Rockingham Arms, Rotherham 8.30 Thinking Out Loud: Jacey Bedford explores contemporary folk songs (2/4) 9.00 Shifting Sands 9.30 Nigel Ogden 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, including at 5.45 Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast Programme incl at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine, incl at 10.35 Euronews; 11.15 Natural History 12.00 Midday with Mair, incl at 12.34pm Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale 7.00 News Extra, incl at 7.20 sport 7.35 Trevor Brooking's Football Night 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, incl at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Samantha Mesh, Sean Bolger 10.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 7.00 Maurice Dee, Carol McGiffen 10.00 Caesar 1.00am Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am News 5.30 Europe (MW only: Off the Shelf 5.45 Country) 6.00 News 6.30 Omnibus (MW only: Europe) 7.00 News 7.15 World Today 7.30 Megamix 8.00 News 8.15 Fourth Estate 8.30 Discovery 9.00 News (MW only: News in German 9.10 Words of Faith (MW only: News in German) 9.15 Drama: Oliver Twist 10.00 News and Business 10.15 Andy Kershaw 10.45 Sport 11.00 News 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Off the Shelf Noon News 12.30pm Meridian 1.00 News and Business (MW only: News in German) 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Composer of the Month 2.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Megamix 4.00 News 4.05 Sport 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Discovery 5.00 News 5.15 United Nations 5.45 Folk Routes 6.00 News and Business 6.15 From Our Own Correspondent 6.30 The World Today (MW only: News in German) 6.45 Sport (MW only: News in German) 7.00 News 7.30 Music 8.00 News 9.00 Europe 9.30 Outlook 9.55 Faith 10.00 News and Business 10.15 Britain 10.30 Multitrack 11.00 News 11.30 World Today 11.45 Telltale Tunes Midnight News 12.10am Pop 12.15 Sport 1.00 News 1.30 From Our Own Correspondent 1.45 Britain 2.00 News and Press 2.15 Ideas 2.35 Emblems 2.45 Farming 3.00 News 3.30 Sport 4.00 News 4.15 Sport 4.30 Assignment

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Angela Rippon 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 Gardening Forum (r) 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Robert Booth

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nick Abbot 7.30 Paul Coyte 10.00 Janey Lee Grace 2.00-6.00am Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 **On Air**: Bach (Capriccio in B flat); Schubert (Ballet Music, Rosamunde); Mackenzie (Scottish Rhapsody No 2, Burns); Rossini (Overture, The Silken Ladder); 8.11 *Purcell Portfolio*: Purcell (A Selection of Songs); 8.45 Vivaldi (Magnificat)
9.00 **Composer of the Week**: The Private World of Bach, presented by Nick Morgan
10.00 **Musical Encounters**: Purcell (Birthday Ode, Love's goddess sure was blind, Z331); Maconchy (Clarinet Quintet); 10.45 *Artist of the Week*: Nobuko Imai, viola; Glinka (Viola Sonata in D minor); 11.05 Gombert (Media vita in morte sumus); Bax (Symphony No 6)
12.00 **Music Restored** (r)
12.55-5.00pm **The Afternoon on Three**, with Susan Sharpe
1.00pm **News; Birmingham Lunchtime Concert**, live from Studio 1. Katarina Karneus, mezzo, and Iain Burnside, piano
2.00 **Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra** under Seiji Ozawa. Strauss (An Alpine Symphony)
2.55 **Fairest Isle: An Outside View**. The American countertenor Derek Lee Ragin begins a new series in which leading performers and composers from around the world voice their opinions on British music
3.00 **Midweek Choice**, with Susan Sharpe, on the theme of America. Tel: 0171-765 4308
4.00 **Choral Evensong** from Washington National Cathedral
5.00 **The Music Machine**: The Hall of Fame. Dick Witts talks to drummers about their working lives
5.15 *In Tune*, with Jeremy Nicholas
6.00 **Rush Hour Concert**, live from the Wigmore Hall, London. Michael Chance, countertenor, Nicholas Daniel, oboe, and Julius Drake, piano, perform music by Bach, Purcell, Britten and David Matthews
7.00 **Cocktails**: The third of five sequences of dance music recorded by the orchestras of London hotels, restaurants and nightclubs between 1920 and 1945
7.30 **Philharmonic American Tour** under Yan Pascal Tortelier and Peter Maxwell Davies, with Hakan Hardenberger, trumpet
9.10 **Marika**: Pimps and Piaf. Marika Rivera recalls Paris in the 1930s
9.25 **Aldeburgh Festival 1994**: Bevan Northcott — A Musical Portrait. Lucy Shelton, soprano, Endymion Ensemble under Stefan Asbury. Purcell, arr Northcott (Of all the instruments); Northcott (Sonata for solo oboe); Stravinsky (Three Shakespeare Songs); Haydn (Piano Trio in E); Northcott (Three English Lyrics); Fauré (Nocturne in D flat, Op 63); Northcott (Sextet)
10.45 **Night Waves**: Richard Coles takes a furtive look at the latest espionage books
11.30-12.30am **Voices**: Crime and Punishment. Iain Burnside looks at songs on the seamier side of life

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping 6.00 News, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Venice for Pleasure 8.58 Weather
9.00 **News 9.05 Midweek**, with *Times* columnist Libby Purves and guest John Mortimer
10.00-10.30 **News; Beyond the Blue Horizon** (FM only): See Choice
10.00 **News; Daily Service (LW)**
10.15 **Children's Radio 4: When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit** (LW only), by Judith Kerr. Read by Rosemary Leach (8/10)
10.30 **Woman's Hour**, with Wendy Austin
11.30 **Gardeners' Question Time** visits the Harrogate and District Friends of the Earth (r)
12.00 **News; States of Mind: You and Yours**: Tasneem Siddiqi hears from people whose lives have been affected by depression
12.25pm **King Street Junior**: See Choice 12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One**
1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; The Cinderella Service**: Samantha Bond stars as Alice in the final part of the drama series by Julia Stoneham on the life of Land Army girls in 1943 Devon
2.45 **Treasure Islands**: Michael Rosen is joined by children's writer Philip Ridley
3.00 **News; The Afternoon Shift**
4.00 **News 4.05 Kaleidoscope**: Quentin Cooper reviews the latest films starring Dustin Hoffman and Gerard Depardieu
4.45 **Short Story: The Chiropodist**, by Ivy Bannister. Read by Jack Klaff
5.00 **PM** 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
5.45 **A Party Political Broadcast** by the Labour Party
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **Ballylenon** (3/6) (r)
7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers**
7.20 **Second to None**: The Locum Vicar. The second of four programmes in which Sara Parker looks at people who do other people's jobs (r)
7.45 **States of Mind: All in the Mind** (r)
8.15 **Costing the Earth**: Mark Whittaker asks how nations can share the environment more peacefully
8.45 **The Return of Sherlock Holmes**: Charles Augustus Milverton. The third of five mysteries starring Clive Merrison and Michael Williams (r)
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight**, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: A Child Possessed**, by R.C. Hutchinson. Abridged and read by Geoffrey Beevers (3/12)
11.00 **The Home Front** (r)
11.30-12.00 **The Airport** (FM only), with Roger Griffiths, Llewella Gideon, Felix Dexter, Jo Martin, Josephine Melville and Robbie Gee (r)
11.30 **Today in Parliament** (LW)
12.00-12.43am **News**, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.45 As World Service (LW only)

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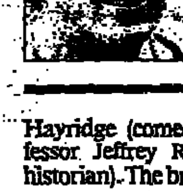


Matthew Bond

Who do you think you are kidding Mr *Omnibus*? Well, not old England and not, thank goodness, June Whitfield. Valiantly, the queen of British sit-com came riding to the rescue of *Perry and Croft* (BBC 1), a programme that started out as an enjoyable romp through the comic archives but which slowly and surely slid towards serious pretension.

How did Whitfield assess the cultural contribution of Jimmy Perry and David Croft, creators of *Dad's Army*, *It Ain't Half Hot, Mum* and *Hi-De-Hi*? "I think the main thing is, were they a good laugh?" What, no comparisons with Dickens and Shakespeare? No analysis of the quintessential Englishness of their work? No agonising over the political correctness of their racial stereotypes? Not even a bit of a grumble for inflicting Su Pollard on us? Whitfield thought not. "They shouldn't really be dissected." Alas, the royal command came too late.

It all started so promisingly, with Perry and Croft reflecting fondly about *Dad's Army*, each memory gloriously followed by another raid on those much-plundered archives. The origin of "stupid boy", the concern about whether "they don't like it up 'em" was too rude and Croft's startling admission (innocent that I am) that he had always considered Pike to be Sergeant Wilson's illegitimate son were mixed up with a basic starter kit — who had the idea (Perry) who produced and directed (Croft) and who wrote that unforgettable theme tune (Perry).

I had no problem when Bob Monkhouse threw in his two ha'p'orth — when it comes to comedy, the man's a walking encyclopaedia. Likewise Ben Elton — he may be the wrong generation but as the preceding repeat of *Blackadder* reminded us, he knows all about comic script-writing. No, the doubts set in with Harry Enfield — wrong generation, different genre and an insight that extended no further than the fact that as a child he watched *Dad's Army* because he liked Corporal Jones.

And then, suddenly, there was Rick Wakeman. Rick Wakeman? Now, don't think me narrow-minded. For *Omnibus: The Rise and Fall of the Concept Album*, I positively look forward to Wakeman's contribution. The king of the keyboard can bemoan the passing of the gatefold cover until the synthesizers come home and I promise to remain gripped. But Wakeman on Croft and Perry? I think not.

After that, it all got a bit surreal. True, there were entertaining reminiscences from the likes of Clive Dunn, Bill Pertwee and Simon Cadell. But there were also Hattie Hayridge (comedienne) and Professor Jeffrey Richards (cultural historian). The brackets, I suppose, were meant to stop you asking — who are these people? My sneaking suspicion is they were invented by Perry and Croft — just to show they hadn't lost their touch.

Sadly, and rather mysteriously, absent from "this celebration of one of British television's most successful writing partnerships" were any of Britain's other successful writing partnerships. Where were Marks and Gran? Esmonde and Larbey? Who knows? Perhaps they all hate each other? But their absence contributed to a feeling that this was a tribute that was somehow incomplete — an end of pier show without a show of peers.

In television terms, though, we know exactly where they all are. Marks and Gran are on storming form with *Goodnight Sweetheart*, in which, *Omnibus* might note, they paid an affectionate tribute to *Dad's Army* a few weeks ago. By contrast, Esmonde and Larbey are recovering from a problem that all three teams are familiar with, how to follow a masterpiece? For Esmonde and Larbey, the masterpiece was *The Good Life*, which to borrow Perry's description of his, *Dad's Army*, was one of those "rare things when everything was right: cast, timing, subject." The follow-up was *Down to Earth*. Same writers, same star (Richard Briers), similar horticultural subject but, alas, no magic.

Larbey's chosen therapy is a spell writing alone — Croft, as I shall remind you only wernce, created *'Allo, 'Allo* without Perry — and the result is **My Good Friend** (ITV). As another exploration of old age, the series raises the dreaded "b" word: bittersweet. But only just. Its first two outings were so bitter you could barely taste the sweet at all. Last night's, however, had more than a spoonful or two to help the emotional medicine go down.

Unlike Victor Meldrew, who rails against the world, Peter (George Cole) dissipates the injustices of old age by railing against his nearest and dearest, his terminally tidy daughter, Betty, and, until last night's conversion on the road from the fertility clinic, her terminally tedious husband, Brian (Michael Lumsden). It's far more realistic and far more painful. And it makes being funny far harder.

But we're getting there — largely thanks to the soothing administrations of Ellie (Minnie Driver), a sort of trainee earth-mother who, when she's not baking bread, is planting impure thoughts in the minds of men old enough to be *her* grandfather, let alone her son's. Last night she gave the go-ahead for Peter and her tenant, Harry (Richard Pearson) to have a game of football — "I never discourage rebellion". The problem, as our ageing strikers discovered, was raising a team. "What about you, son — you look a bit of a sportsman?" inquired Peter of the most decrepit of the three elderly gentlemen on the park bench. "I'm dying," he wheezed. "Yeah, but not at this very moment." There's life in this yet.

● *Lynne Truss is on holiday.*

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (90677)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (31383277)

9.05 Swat Kats: Razor Edge (6049600)

9.25 Why Don't You...? (s) (2288242)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1424180) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r). (Ceefax) (6934695)

10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Family magazine (s) (8791722)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather. (Ceefax) (6875345)

12.05 Pebble Mill. With Ross King. (s) (2705074)

12.55 Regional News and Weather (69901548)

1.00 One O'Clock News and Weather (Ceefax) (16187)

1.30 Neighbours (s) (Ceefax) (86630906)

1.50 Going for Gold with Henry Kelly (s) (86634722)

2.15 Alias Smith and Jones. The last in the series of western adventures (r). (6081426)

3.05 More of... Glynn Christian's Entertaining Microwave. Spatchcocked chicken, creole prawns and date-pecan bread pudding (s) (5245635)

3.20 Prue Leith's Tricks of the Trade. Winning ways with vegetables (s) (4019635)

3.30 Cartoons (8227703)

3.45 The Animals of Farthing Wood (r) (s) (Ceefax) (5814451) **4.10 The Chipmunks** (r) (7178548) **4.35 The Boot Street Band** (s) (3937181)

5.00 Newsround (1774364)

5.05 Blue Peter (s) (Ceefax) (4765685)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (s) (Ceefax) (116703)

6.00 News and Weather (Ceefax) (258)

6.30 Regional news magazines (838)

7.00 This Is Your Life. With Michael Aspel (s) (Ceefax) (8971)

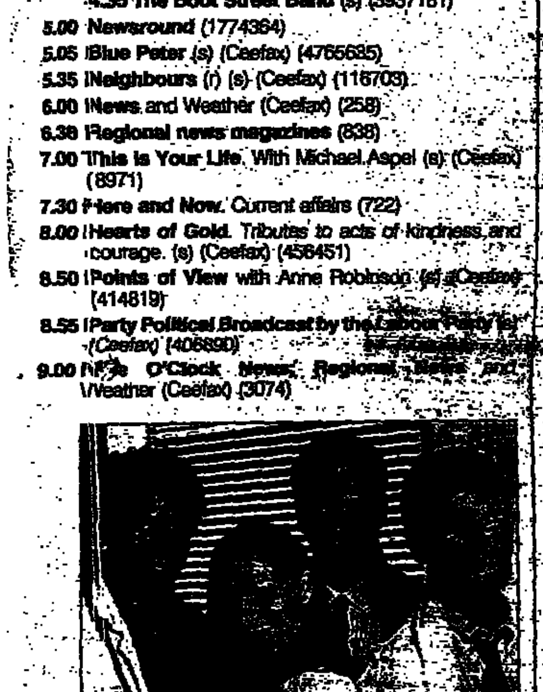
7.30 Here and Now. Current affairs (722)

8.00 Hearts of Gold. Tributes to acts of kindness and courage. (s) (Ceefax) (456451)

8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson (s) (Ceefax) (414819)

8.55 Party Political Broadcast by the Labour Party (s) (Ceefax) (406890)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News and Weather (Ceefax) (3074)



A new series of the medical drama (9.30pm)

9.30 Cardiac Arrest (s) (Ceefax) (37345)

10.00 NEW **Ben Elton — The Man from Auntie** (66154)

10.30 Sportsnight. Boxing from York Hall, east London, snooker from Sheffield and greyhound racing from the Oxford Stadium. (s) (62055890)

12.10 FILM: Moving Target (1988). Toby Kellogg returns home unexpectedly to find his family has disappeared. As he tries to find them he uncovers a sinister plot. With Jason Bateman, Tom Skerritt, John Glover and Chynna Phillips. Directed by Richard Dysart. (Ceefax) (2750812)

1.40 Weather (8543223)

BBC2

8.00am Breakfast News (7606074) **8.15 Westminster On-Line with Trevor Phillips** (s) (7169345)

9.00 The Power Game: The Pentagon. Hedrick Smith with the news behind power politics in Washington DC (43180)

10.00 Playdays: The Roundabout (r) (s) (8839221)

10.25 FILM: Going My Way (1944, b/w). An unconventional priest scores a hit with a poor New York parish, converting a gang of street urchins into a choir. Starring Bing Crosby, Barry Fitzgerald, Rise Stevens and Gene Lockhart. Directed by Leo McCarey. (15125600)

12.30pm Working Lunch (48451)

1.00 William's Wish Wellingtons (r) (s) (85998819)

1.05 Juniper Jungle (r) (s) (73353258)

1.15 Betjeman's Britain. A film in the steps of the writer, using his own words, covering the length and breadth of the country (r) (7144345)

2.10 World Snooker from Sheffield (s) (49881890)

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Science-fiction adventures (s) (Ceefax) (621093)

6.45 A Bit of Bluff. A compilation of some of the weird words, brazen bluffs and colourful characters that characterised *Call My Bluff* (620722)

7.00 Timewatch at War. The story of one of the Second World War's most unholy alliances, between the US Naval Intelligence and the Mafia (r). (638703)

7.50 NEW **French Cooking in Ten Minutes** (s) (Ceefax) (283635)

8.00 Seven Wonders of the World. Biologist Julie Theriot reveals her wonders. (s) (Ceefax) (8161)

Tessa Shaw presents interior design (8.30pm)

8.30 Home Front (1068)

9.00 Modern Times (s) (Ceefax) (888600)

9.50 Close-Up. Favourite moments in film. (s) (729548)

10.00 World Snooker (s) (66136)

10.30 Party Political Broadcast by the Labour Party (s) (Subtitled) (230567)

10.35 Newsnight (Ceefax) (284258)

11.20 The Zapruder Footage. A *Late Show* special on the history of a 22-second home movie which is the most famous visual record of President John Kennedy's assassination (r). (155432)

12.00 Weatherview (4992407)

12.05am The Record. The day in Parliament. (s) Ends at **12.35.** (3291662)

4.00-4.15 BBC Select: Benefits Agency Today (r) (13423001) **5.00-6.00 Voluntary Sector Television** (r) (22662)

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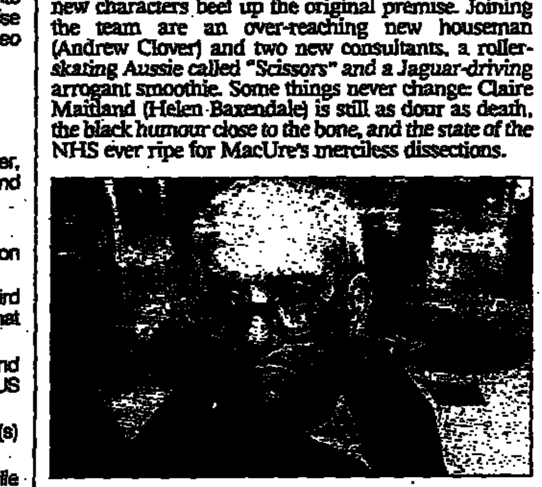
CHOICE

Cardiac Arrest
BBC1 9.30pm

Some major surgery has been performed on this acerbic medical drama for its second series, written by real-life doctor John MacUre. Shifted from the hospital wards to the A and E department, the programme has been given the *ER* treatment. Some hand-held camera tracking, a touch of music to add to the tension, fast turnover of patients and a handful of new characters beef up the original premise. Joining the team are an over-reaching new houseman (Andrew Clover) and two new consultants, a roller-skating Aussie called "Scissors" and a Jaguar-driving arrogant smoothie. Some things never change: Claire Maitland (Helen Baxendale) is still as dour as death, the black humour close to the bone, and the state of the NHS ever ripe for MacUre's merciless dissections.



Billy is afraid of harming people (BBC2, 9.00pm)

Modern Times: Billy — A Violent Mind
BBC2 9.00pm

There are certain things Billy will not leave the house without: his mobile phone, his van, his bodyguards and a pair of handcuffs. Billy is not a drug baron, he is scared rigid of going berserk in a crowd and killing someone. The handcuffs and bodyguards are to restrain him in the event of a panic attack. An ex-gangland thug and a former soldier in Northern Ireland, Billy is no stranger to violence, but he is now seeking a cure for his obsession. He goes to the special unit at the Maudsley Hospital for treatment which consists of weaning him off his props and getting him to face his fears. But if Billy eventually finds peace it is on his own terms.

Home Front
BBC2 8.30pm

Back for a second series, this interior design and decoration magazine programme is a little gem. Its charm lies in allowing us to gawp at other people's houses while offering advice on avoiding bad taste in our own. Included in the first programme is an item on the new role of wallpaper. For years, papers have been consigned to the role of neutral backdrop. Now, gold and bold and old seem to be the order of the day, with lavish patterns being borrowed from the late Victorians, gold fleur-de-lis and thick stripes much in vogue. In the first of a regular "quick fix" item, designer Eve Stewart demonstrates three cheap ways to dress that awkward, stately home-sized sash window without sewing a stitch.

Sharpe's Battle
ITV 8.00 (not Scottish)

It is 1813 at the height of Wellington's Peninsular campaign against Napoleon. The British are winning but the French are a wily lot and Johnny Foreigner does not give up easily. In the second of three adventures, Major Sharpe (Sean Bean) is in the thick of it again, attacked by both the enemy who have taken to guerrilla warfare in the Spanish hills and the sly-tongued, double-dealers of his own side. In this episode, hardman Sharpe has been ordered by Wellington to make soldiers out of an Irish battalion used to a soft option. An obligatory ass of an officer and his rejected wife provide the subplot. Plenty of swash, a little bit of buckle and oodles of sentiment make for great fun.

Frances Lass

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (9302646)

9.25 Chain Letters (s) (2197432) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4825600)

10.00 James Bond Junior (55890)

10.30 FILM: The Devil and Max Devlin (1981) starring Elliott Gould and Bill Cosby. When an unscrupulous landlord is killed by a bus he is given another chance to live by the Devil. All he has to do is to convince three innocent people to sell their souls within two months. Directed by Steven Hilliard Stern (12190884) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6871529)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (9768074)

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9776093) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (73237703) **1.55 A Country Practice** (s) (86628161)

2.20 NEW **Wild About Essex: Downtown Essex.** Essex man Tony Robinson explores the wild side of his home county. (Teletext) (58854600)

2.50 NEW **So Long, M25.** Jeni Barnett boards the Eurostar train to Paris; plus reports from the Algarve, Sri Lanka and the Isles of Scilly (1957548)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (4013451) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4012722)

3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (s) (8238819) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (2588971) **3.50 Talespin** (r) (s) (5724884) **4.20 Brill** (Teletext) (s) (6657513) **4.40 Cone Zone** (Teletext) (s) (7141451)

5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating (Teletext) (4759074)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (384797)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (389703)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (426)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (906)

Jack Charlton goes fishing in Madeira (7.00pm)

7.00 Wish You Were Here . . .? Includes reports from Bath, Chile and from Jack Charlton sea angling off Madeira (Teletext) (s) (6567)

7.30 Coronation Street. Conniving Steve McDonald tries to rekindle a former romance. (Teletext) (890)

8.00 Sharpe: Sharpe's Battle (Teletext) (s) (2838)

10.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Labour Party (325906)

10.05 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (954677)

10.35 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (867155)

10.45 Champions League Highlights. Bob Wilson presents highlights from the the semi-final matches between AC Milan and Paris St Germain; and Ajax and Bayern Munich (869432)

11.45 Magnum starring Tom Selleck as the laid-back detective (865616)

12.45am Alien Nation (s) (181575)

1.45 Hollywood Report (s) (93117)

2.15 The Beat with Gary Crowley (s) (4936020)

3.05 The Album Show (s) (6211827)

4.05 Shift (4131310)

4.55 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (2104952)

5.30 ITN Morning News (61914). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Spiff and Hercules (7389971)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (93548)

9.00 Little Wizards (r) (11819)

9.30 California Dreams (6890345)

9.55 Gamesmaster (r) (s) (6808364)

10.25 Batman (3889726)

10.55 The Adventures of Tintin (r) (5975155)

11.20 Pugwall's Summer (r) (5782890)

11.50 Terrytoons (r) (8420703)

12.00 House to House with Maya Even (28155)

12.30 Sesame Street (r) (97426)

1.30 The Herbs (r) (32890)

2.00 Profiles of Nature: The Beaver (r) (Teletext) (58858426)

2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the **2.55, 3.05, 3.40** and **4.15** races (95338695)

4.30 Fifteen-to-One (s) (Teletext) (703)

5.00 Ricki Lake: Without a Man I am Nothing. Women who argue that having a man is a luxury, not a necessity, are asked to choose between a ticket to a Broadway show or a date with a hunk, with surprising results. (s) (Teletext) (9380203)

5.45 Bartakiada. Czech animation (487838)

6.00 All American Girl: Exile on Market Street. Comedy series (s) (Teletext) (628)

6.30 Boy Meets World. Rites of passage comedy (s) (Teletext) (548)

7.00 Channel 4 News and Weather (Teletext) (550971)

7.50 The Slot. Viewers' soapbox. (278703)

8.00 Brookside (s) (Teletext) (2659)

Cameron McNeish on freedom to roam (8.30pm)

8.30 The Great Outdoors. Cameron McNeish examines the implications of the Criminal Justice Bill for outdoor activities, plus Britain's "secret roads". (s) (Teletext) (2364)

9.00 The Holylands: The Children of Abraham. Looking at the deadly stalemate which has befallen the peace process on the West Bank. (s) Teletext) (6600)

10.00 ER: Happy New Year. Ross (George Clooney) ponders the value of his love affair with a pharmaceuticals rep, while Lewis questions family values. (s) (Teletext) (223987)

10.55 The Best of the Tube. With Jools Holland and Paula Yates, featuring Cyndi Lauper, The Communards and Gary Glitter. (457797)

11.30 Cheers: Save the Last Dance for Me. Carla and former husband Nick relive their glory days on the dance floor. (r) (Teletext) (59616)

12.00 The White Room (r) (s) (31310)

1.00am Mojo Working. Blues legend B B King. (r) (s) (47469)

1.30 Question D'Optiques. Animation (6998469)

1.55 FILM: The Captain Hates the Sea (1934, b/w). Comedy drama on a cruise liner captained by Walter Connolly. With Victor McLaglen, Helen Vinson and John Gilbert. Directed by Lewis Milestone. Ends at **3.25.** (5956930)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9776093) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (73237703) **2.20** Gardening Time (58854600) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (1957548) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (4759074) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (140703) **10.35-10.45** Anglia News (867155) **11.45** Urban Angel (512703) **12.40am** Alien Nation (4358759) **1.35** Hollywood Report (1633778) **2.05** America's Top Ten (2616965) **2.35** Shift (4820778) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (58843) **4.30** The Time... the Place (53020) **5.00** The Munsters Today (26489)

CENTRAL

As London except: 2.20 Gardening Time (58854600) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (1957548) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (4759074) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (140703) **11.45** The Equalizer (865616) **4.05am** Jobfinder (1363933) **5.20** Asian Eye (7623556)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9776093) **1.25** Home and Away (49718258) **1.50** Highway to Heaven (8611987) **2.50-3.20** Coronation Street (1957548) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (4759074) **6.00** Home and Away (570513) **6.25-7.00** Granada Tonight (140703) **11.45-12.45** The Equalizer (865616)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West Headlines (4825600) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (6871529) **12.55** Coronation Street (9776093) **1.25** Home and Away (73237703) **1.55** The New Mr & Mrs Show (66346616) **2.25** Good Advice (58853971) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7108451) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (4012722) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (4759074) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (906) **10.35-10.45** HTV West Headlines and Weather (867155) **11.45** The Equalizer (865616)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 9.55am-10.00 HTV Wales News (4825600) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (6871529) **1.55-2.25** The Really Helpful Programme (66346616) **3.25-3.30** HTV Wales News (4012722) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (906) **10.35-10.45** HTV Wales News and Weather (867155)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (4825600) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (6871529) **12.55** Coronation Street (9776093) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (73237703) **2.20** True... but Strange (58854600) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (1957548) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (4012722) **5.10** Home and Away (4759074) **5.32-5.40** Three Minutes - Freescreen (309597) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (426) **6.30-7.00** The Village (965) **10.35-10.45** Meridian News and Weather (867155) **12.40am** Alien Nation (4358759) **1.35** Hollywood Report (1633778) **2.05** America's Top Ten (2616965) **2.35** Shift (4820778) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (58843) **4.30** The Time... the Place (53020) **5.00** Freescreen (26489)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (4825600) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (6880277) **12.25-12.30** My Story (6586548) **12.55** Coronation Street (9776093) **1.25** Home and Away (73237703) **1.55** High Road (66346616) **2.25** Masterchef (58853971) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (4012722) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4759074) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (54068) **11.45** Donahue (865616)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9776093) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (73237703) **2.20** The Restaurant Show (58854600) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (1957548) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4759074) **5.55** Calendar (286180) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (906) **11.45** The Mackintosh Man (818155) **1.35am** Hollywood Report (1633778) **2.05** Videofashion (2616965) **2.35** The Album Show (4901843) **3.35** Noisy Mothers (2626556) **4.30** Jobfinder (82486)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (93548) **9.00** Little Wizards (11819) **9.30** California Dreams (6890345) **9.55** Gamesmaster (6808364) **10.25** Batman (3889726) **10.55** The Adventures Of Tin Tin (5975155) **11.20** Pugwall's Summer (5782890) **11.50** The Legend Of White Fang (8306906) **12.20pm** Terrytoons (6798971) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (40819) **1.00** Sesame Street (38074) **2.00** Food File (58858426) **2.25** Channel 4 Racing From Newmarket (95338695) **4.30** The Cosby Show (703) **5.00** 5 Pump (5998258) **5.20** 5 Pump (1761890) **5.30** Fifteen To One (155) **6.00** Newyddion (934797) **6.15** Heno (668836) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (4109) **7.30** Trysorau'r Ynysoedd Cyfrinachau Ynys Elba (432) **8.00** Amser Rhyfel Chwyldro A r Y r Adwydr (2659) **8.30** Newyddion (2364) **9.00** Tydi Coleg Yn Grt (3884) **9.30** Rap (57155) **10.00** Brookside (28884) **10.30** E. R. (830890) **11.25** Sawcer: Pencampwriaeth Y Byd 1985 (251180) **12.00am** The Golden Girls (66827) **12.30** Ellen (49204)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (45722) **8.00** Mighty Morphin (58364) **8.30** Blockbusters (57635) **9.00** Oprah Winfrey (81364) **10.00** Concentration (17600) **10.30** Card Sharks (64971) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (38635) **12.00** *The Urban Peasant* (51451) **12.30pm** Anything But Love (77987) **1.00** St Elsewhere (32242) **2.00** Matlock (98529) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (8272890) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (4085971) **4.30** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (1529) **5.00** Deep Space Nine (9708) **6.00** Murphy Brown (5722) **6.30** Family Ties (8074) **7.00** Rescue (1277) **7.30** M*A*S*H (2258) **8.00** Robocop (19987) **9.00** Picket Fences (22451) **10.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (32838) **11.00** David Letterman (360797) **11.50** The Untouchables (114677) **12.45am** Chances (4493952) **1.30** The New WKRP (19759) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix (2416556)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

6.00am Sunrise (5727093) **9.30** Entertainment This Week (48277) **10.30** ABC Nightline (62513) **11.00** News and Business (38277) **1.30pm** CBS News (94600) **2.30** Parliament Live (65884) **4.00** News and Business (84703) **5.00** Live at Five (1890) **6.30** Talkback (4616) **7.30** O.J. Simpson Trial, Live (2771971) **12.30am** CBS News (56778) **1.30** Talkback (84056) **2.30** Parliament Replay (34597) **4.30** CBS News (31778) **5.30-6.00** ABC News

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (2814548) **10.00 Samurai Cowboy** (1993) (71703) **12.00 Windwalker** (1980) (95432) **2.00pm Valley of the Gwangi** (1969) (16890) **4.00 Apache Uprising** (1965) (6180) **6.00 Samurai Cowboy** (1993): As 10am (30426) **8.00 Man Trouble** (1992) (35971) **10.00 Body of Evidence** (1993) (239819) **11.45 Hollywood Dreams** (1992) (358161) **1.15am Husbands and Wives** (1992) (936933) **3.00 The Spikes Gang** (1974) (521488) **4.35-6.00 Apache Uprising** (1965): As 4pm (9756117)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

2.00pm Showcase (96074) **4.00 Remember the Night** (1940) (3432) **6.00 The Spy Who Came in from the Cold** (1965) (16838) **8.00 Thieves Like Us** (1973) (16610616) **10.05 Omen III: The Final Conflict** (1981) (401074) **11.55-2.00am The Owl and the Pussycat** (1970) (16616258)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am A Bullet for Joey (1955) (38432) **8.00 Katy Meets the Aliens** (1969) (85221) **10.00 Bitter Springs** (1950) (79345) **12.00 Call Northside 777** (1948) (93074) **2.00pm Mon Père ce Héros** (1992) (14432) **4.00 Katy Meets the Aliens** (1969): As 8am (65094277) **5.55 For the Love of Aaron** (1994) (77584093) **7.30 Special Feature: Richard Linklater** (2068) **8.00 With Harmful Intent** (1993) (77106155) **9.35 The Waterdance** (1992) (418258) **11.25 The Prince of Tides** (1991) (16448782) **1.35am In the Deep Woods** (1992) (631778) **3.10 Dirty Work** (1992) (2845827) **4.35-6.00 Bitter Springs** (1950): As 10am (9754759)

● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer (5185426) **7.15** WWF Superstars (257068) **8.15** Soccer (7527828) **8.30** Boots (57600) **9.30** Aerobics (28242) **10.00** The Footballers' Show (78277) **11.00** Tartan Extra (85513) **12.00** Aerobics (86722) **12.30pm** Pole Position (66155) **1.30** Boots (87984) **2.30** Snowboard (5587) **3.00** Tartan Extra (34722) **4.00** Speed and Beauty (6619) **4.30** Max Out (5703) **5.00** WWF (9074) **6.00** Soccer (194722) **6.15** Fish Tales (189277) **6.30** Get Your Handicap Down (7548) **7.00** Pavilion End (73155) **8.00** NBA Basketball (86819) **10.00** Soccer (517890) **10.15** Rugby Club (857242) **11.15** Get Your Handicap Down (398659) **11.45** Fish Tales (447180) **12.00** Pavilion End (87814) **1.00-3.00am** Basketball (67933)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Dancing (28529) **8.30** Athletics (59068) **9.30** Figure Skating (43203) **11.00** Football (98945) **1.00pm** Motors (56567) **3.00** Truck Racing (3890) **3.30** Equestrianism (82636) **4.30** Karting (50797) **5.30** Motorcycling (4451) **6.00** Formula One (1364) **6.30** News (2616) **7.00** Boxing (68890) **9.00** Formula One (44109) **9.30** Motorcycling (53190) **10.00** Eurogolf (63722) **11.00** Equestrianism (64074) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (42627)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (7101074) **8.30** Peyton Place (7100345) **9.00** As the World Turns (4047906) **10.00** Guiding Light (3158155) **11.00-12.00** Another World (3241819)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Globetrotter (7104161) **12.30pm** Zoo Life (4489161) **1.00** Colorado River (3245835) **1.30** The Spice of Life (4488432) **2.00** Australian Panorama (4068161) **2.30** Dublin and Belfast (3482782) **3.00** Discover America (1960364) **4.00** Travel Guide (9787154) **4.30** Zoo Life (3387118) **5.00** San Francisco (4986513) **5.30** The Spice of Life (5387398) **6.00** Dublin and Belfast (2032221) **6.30** America (8891808) **7.30** Australian Panorama (2937677) **8.00** Around the World (4982797) **8.30** Travel Guide (4067432) **9.00** Globetrotter (1892155) **9.30** America (2805161) **10.30** San Francisco (7121838) **11.00** Dublin and Belfast (1897600) **11.30-12.00** Cruising (7589567)

Nick Nolte and Barbra Streisand (Movie Channel, 11.25pm)

TLC

9.00am Painting (4402682) **9.30** Simply Delicious (2895161) **10.00** Grow with Joe (2409074) **10.30** Divorcing Daddy (8002646) **11.00** Only Human (4352364) **12.00** The Creative Spirit (2712884) **1.00pm** Simply Delicious (4386180) **1.30** Painting (2605548) **2.00** Jimmy's (3984242) **2.30** Cash in Hand (8373068) **3.00** Grow with Joe (3058277) **3.30-4.00** Mad About Animals (8378513)

UK GOLD

7.00am Give Us a Clue (4376567) **7.30** Neighbours (4355074) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5408357) **8.30** EastEnders (7858708) **9.00** The Bill (2602600) **9.30** Campion (6570513) **10.30** When the Boat Comes In (16781677) **11.35** Going for Gold (85863277) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (3258744) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2806835) **1.00** EastEnders (4375838) **1.30** The Bill (2807906) **2.00** Bless This House (3966600) **2.30** Brush Strokes (8375426) **3.00** Knots Landing (8968345) **4.00** Dallas (8990180) **5.00** Going for Gold (84398819) **5.25** XYZ (84204426) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (2193451) **6.30** EastEnders (8463635) **7.00** Brush Strokes (3040616) **7.30** Bless This House (8469819) **8.00** Adrian Mole (3059364) **8.30** Carry On Laughing (3985971) **9.00** Miss Marple: A Caribbean Mystery (6835797) **10.00** The Bill (2808203) **10.30** Top of the Pops (3774203) **11.05** The Young Ones (8891890) **11.45** Dr Who (7073451) **12.15am** FILM: Maroc 7 (1967) (19248556) **2.20** Shopping

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (24529) **7.00** Teddy Ruxpin (13971) **7.30** Garfield (22726) **8.00** Eek (38155) **8.30** Degrassi (37426) **9.00** Super Mario (24906) **9.30** Flash Gordon (42890) **10.00** Round the Twist (84971) **10.30** Beakman (13890) **11.00** Gravedale (66345) **11.30** Gigantor (67074) **12.00** He-Man (31242) **12.30pm** Bots Master (53906) **1.00** Toxic Crusaders (12242) **1.30** Charlie Brown (52277) **2.00** Pugwall (7105) **2.30** Swan's Crossing (4277) **3.00** Casper (4231155) **3.15** Stunt Dawgs (166971) **3.45** Sonic (185242) **4.15** Bad Level 10! (6343548) **4.30-5.00** California (1513)

NICKELODEON

7.00am SuperTed (89600) **7.30** Easter Specials (70635) **8.00** Turtles Gold (81277) **8.30** Rude Dog (80548) **9.00** Rugrats (91600) **9.30** Clarissa (26884) **10.00** Mighty Max (48548) **10.30** Carmen San Diego (97884) **11.00** Grimmy (37819) **11.30** Denver the Last Dinosaur (38548) **12.00** Pee-Wee' (84364) **12.30pm** Galaxy High School (20600) **1.00** Smoggies (87971) **1.30** Alvin (29871) **2.00** Carmen San Diego (4529) **2.30** Pete and Pete (3109) **3.00** Rude Dog (6364) **3.30** Turtles Gold (2426) **4.00** Mighty Max (7161) **4.30** Rugrats (3345) **5.00** Clarissa (8109) **5.30** Odyssey (1797) **6.00** Aaahh! Real Monsters (4838) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (8890)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Arctic (8460648) **4.30** Deadly Australians (8459432) **5.00** Roger Kennedy's Rediscovering America (3047529) **6.00** Invention (6688616) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (5636835) **7.30** Encyclopedia Galactica (8450161) **8.00** Arthur C Clarke's Universe (3057906) **8.30** Arthur C. Clarke's World (3963513) **9.00** Wings Over the World (6939567) **10.00** Outlaws (6836426) **11.00-12.00** The Sexual Imperative (4350529)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM. My Teenage Daughter (1956) (2416364) **2.00pm** The Avengers (2404529) **3.00** Rat Patrol (3043703) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (8478567) **4.00** FILM: Gorilla at Large (1954) (3054819) **6.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (8457451) **6.30** Cannon (8203971) **7.30** Scotland Yard (8454987) **8.00** The Avengers (6913529) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (8981432) **9.30** FILM: The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai Across the Eighth Dimension. Sci-fi fantasy (4231703) **11.30-12.00** Duffy's Tavern (2329884)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (5577109) **7.00** Makeover Magazine (2004971) **9.00** Bazaar (6715890) **9.30** Kate and Allie (1931242) **10.05** Signs of the Times (1579432) **10.35** The Susan Powter Show (18750451) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (7244600) **11.58** The Simple Programme **12.00** Kilroy (9284906) **12.55pm** Take Six Cooks (6149600) **1.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (1727109) **2.00** Agony Hour (5580722) **3.00** Makeover (7964616) **4.00** Infatuation UK (8703600) **4.30** Crosswits (1269548) **5.05** The Joker's Wild (11441529) **5.30** A Taste of Wales (8896364) **6.00** Susan Powter (8893277) **6.30** Infatuation (3201600) **7.05** Crosswits (2347839) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (2746600) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (2635513) **8.55** The Simple Programme **9.00** Cagney and Lacey (3753906) **10.00** Charlie's Angels (3768093) **11.00** Hit and Run (7977180) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK.

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Dangermouse (7635) **5.30** The Tick (8093) **6.00** My Two Dads (5906) **6.30** Catchphrase (6258) **7.00** Busman's Holiday (4971) **7.30** Road to Avonlea (54797) **8.30** Duty Free (9426) **9.00** Ruth Rendell: An Unkindness of Ravens (10600) **11.00** Lou Grant (72249) **12.00** Zorro (91117) **12.30am** The Tick (72594) **1.00** Trivial Pursuit (70310) **1.30** Rhoda (95117) **2.00** Moonlighting (12556) **3.00** Lou Grant (76391) **4.00** Rhoda (58223) **4.30-5.00** Zorro (68575)

MTV

5.00am Wildside (22117) **6.30** The Grind (75277) **7.00** 3 from 1 (1045884) **7.15** Wildside (8674906) **8.00** VJ Ingo (605744) **11.00** Soul (10884) **12.00** Greatest Hits (61971) **1.00pm** Afternoon Mix (50819) **2.00** 3 from 1 (18820567) **2.15** Afternoon Mix (9188161) **3.00** Cinematic (4233513) **3.15** Mix (5739835) **4.00** News (6269155) **4.15** Mix (6345906) **4.30** Dial MTV (3971) **5.00** Zig and Zag (9093) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (76451) **7.00** Greatest Hits (98221) **8.00** Most Wanted (35635) **9.30** Beavis and Butthead (62600) **10.00** News (356631) **10.15** Cinematic (306136) **10.30** The Worst of Most Wanted (23277) **11.00** The End? (84722) **12.30am** The Grind (74952) **1.00** Soul (27865) **2.00** Videos (2754952)

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (3244906) **9.00** Café VH-1 (7465635) **12.00** The Bridge (6159529) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (1881906) **2.30** Heart and Soul (8885345) **3.30** Into the Music (7153432) **6.00** Prime Cuts (4406838) **7.00** VH-1 for You (8800971) **8.00** VH-1 Soul (8999819) **9.00** Ten of the Best (8806155) **10.00** The Bridge (8809242) **11.00** VH-1 to 1: Joe Cocker (1978258) **11.30** The Nightfly (4051109) **1.30am** Ten of the Best (6257117) **2.30-7.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music from **6am** to **7pm**, including at **4.00** CMT Delivery Room **5.00** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

ZEE TV

7.00am Asian Morning (51916277) **8.30** Rishtey (43960258) **9.00** Pakistan Business (43964838) **9.30** Pakistani Serial (55944703) **10.30** Khel (43973722) **11.00** Galaxzee (99207529) **11.30** Kalyaan (93208258) **12.00** Campus (43954074) **12.30pm** Khana Khazana (18090426) **1.00** Tamil FILM (49077548) **4.00** Mujrim Haazir (25253211) **4.30** Kab Tak Pukaroon (81897655) **5.00** Udan Choo (96928242) **5.30** Rishtey (41761285) **6.00** Zindagi Ek Safar (44911708) **6.30** Campus (81897600) **7.00** Zara Hat Ke (86011906) **7.30** Film Deewane (47431044) **8.00** News: Zee and U (96924426) **8.30** Banegi Apni Baat (36009161) **9.00-12.00** Hindi FILM (23920074)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.

7.00pm Le Ballon Rouge (*The Red Balloon*) (1956) (68595258) **7.45 Crin-Blanc** (*The White Horse*) (1953) (15263074)

Theme: Spotlight on David Hemmings

9.00 Alfred the Great (1969) (37751074) **11.00 The Best House in London** (1969) (25417345) **12.40am The Walking Stick** (1970) (80612730) **2.25-5.00 Alfred the Great** (1969): As 9pm (39494372)

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NO PLACE FOR WALKER IN WALES' WORLD CUP SQUAD

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Collymore called up for England training

By Oliver Holt

TERRY VENABLES named *13 uncapped players in his* latest England squad yesterday. Unfortunately for them, their elevation is unlikely to extend to the next time the national side actually has some opposition to compete against. When the other European teams get down to the serious business of qualifying for the European championship a week tonight, England's new boys will be left idle, abandoned like swots in the playground.

With so many other countries engaged in the qualifying competition, the Football Association was unable to arrange a suitable fixture for England, at present enduring the dubious benefits of exemption from the struggle because of their status as hosts for the finals next year.

Venables, therefore, has been forced to seek solace in a get-together for an experimental 18-man party in the humble surroundings of Aston Villa's training ground on the southern outskirts of Birmingham, near The Belfry. If nothing else, it will give the players a much-needed break from the frantic championship and relegation struggles in the FA Carling Premiership.

Most of the uncapped are still familiar, players coming through in the next generation of stars, some of them even outside bets for a place in the squad for the finals next summer. Foremost among them is Stan Collymore, the Nottingham Forest striker, whose season has been plagued by apparent disagreements with his club.

There may be no chance of a cap at the end of it, but his inclusion in the squad is at least the first step towards international recognition for the 24-year-old player, who has scored 23 goals in his first season in the Premiership. He has already been wooed by the Republic of Ireland but was advised to keep his options open because of possible interest from Venables.

SQUAD

I Walker (Tottenham Hotspur), D James (Liverpool); W Barton (Wimbledon), R Edghill (Manchester City), S Howey (Newcastle), D Unsworth (Everton), R Hall (Southampton), A Dorigo (Leeds), D Anderton (Tottenham), S Stone (Nottingham Forest), J Redknapp (Liverpool), G Flitcroft (Man City), M Draper (Leicester), T Sinclair (QPR), A Cole (Man Utd), S Collymore (Nottingham Forest), R Fowler (Liverpool), A Impey (QPR), N Barmby (Tottenham Hotspur).

Mark Draper, the Leicester City midfield player who has been touted as a target for a host of top clubs, has been rewarded for his heroic performances in his team's doomed battle against relegation. Robbie Fowler, Liverpool's Professional Footballers' Association Young Player of the Year, has been elevated to the squad from the under-21 side and Andy Cole has been allowed to maintain his uncertain grip on international status by retaining his place.

The biggest surprise, though, was the inclusion of Tony Dorigo, the Leeds United full back, who earned the last of his 15 caps in England's 2-0 defeat by Holland in the World Cup qualifier in Rotterdam in October 1993 — Graham Taylor's penultimate match as manager.

For some, their much-vaunted taste of the international scene may even be seen as an unwelcome privilege. Others who might have seemed prime candidates for the squad have been named instead in the under-21 squad to face Latvia in Riga next Tuesday and attempt to consolidate England's lead at the top of the qualifying table. That, at least, has the attraction of genuine competition.

Blackburn Rovers' players were ineligible for the squad because they play Crystal Palace tomorrow night.

In light of the dreary draw with Uruguay last month, Venables will be keen to avoid many more blank dates in the international calendar as he tries to settle on a first team. Their next tests come in the competition against Brazil, Sweden and Japan in June.

This time, though, it seems an idle night was unavoidable. "It is a very difficult time of the year to arrange fixtures," an FA spokesman said last night. "You cannot expect them to come and play against us when they have qualifying matches for the European championship to compete in."

ENGLAND UNDER-21 SQUAD: P Gerrard (Oldham Athletic), A Marshall (Norwich City), S Watson (Newcastle United), D Gordon (Crystal Palace), G Neville (Manchester United), I Pearce (Blackburn Rovers), D Unsworth (Everton), S Nethercott (Tottenham Hotspur), J Redknapp (Liverpool), N Butt (Manchester United), C Bart-Williams (Sheffield Wednesday), A Roberts (Millwall), T Sinclair (Queens Park Rangers), N Shipperley (Southampton), K Gallen (Queens Park Rangers), N Barmby (Tottenham Hotspur), A Thompson (Bolton Wanderers).

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Ferguson's Wembley hopes fade as injury lingers on

By Peter Ball

DUNCAN FERGUSON, the Everton and Scotland striker, is likely to miss the FA Cup final against Manchester United at Wembley on May 20. Ferguson will be told by a specialist today whether he needs a hernia operation.

Everton were pessimistic about his chances yesterday after the player limped away half an hour into the game against Sheffield Wednesday on Monday. "We had been hoping the problem would clear up during his suspension, but it hasn't," Joe Royle, the Everton manager, said.

"If the worst scenario happens, he will enter hospital immediately for surgery, and that would mean he is unlikely to play again this season."

With Everton heavily embroiled in the relegation tussle, Ferguson's injury adds to a worrying list. Hinchliffe is also seeing a specialist today after injuring an Achilles tendon at Hillsborough. Stuart may miss the next two weeks with a persistent knee injury and Ebbrell is out for two to three weeks with a calf injury.

Ferguson, however, has the most serious injury and would be the greatest loss, even though Royle insisted: "We are not a one-man team. He has had a stop-go start to his Everton career between injuries and suspensions, and we have proved we can cope without him. I'm more concerned with losing Duncan for the Premiership games than for the Cup Final. Staying in the Premiership remains our priority."

Daniel Amokachi, the new folk hero of Goodison Park, is also *hors de combat* because of an ankle injury; he, at least, is on the mend, and with a ten-day break may be ready for the next game.

Halifax Town, of the Vauxhall Conference, is to cease trading at the end of the season. The chairman, Sir John Stockwell, blamed the move on the "combined problems of burgeoning debts and an impossible budget deficit".

☐ Parma reached the final of an European cup competition for the third successive year with a 3-0 victory over Bayer Leverkusen in the home leg of their Uefa Cup semi-final last night. Two goals by the Colombian, Asprilla, and one by Zola gave the Italian side a 5-1 win on aggregate.

England captaincy unresolved

Champions and chairman keep unusually quiet

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

EDGBASTON (first day of four; Warwickshire won toss): England A, with ten first-innings wickets in hand, are 234 runs behind Warwickshire

THE champion county gave a muted performance yesterday, and they were not alone in that. While, on the field at Edgbaston, Warwickshire wrestled unconvincingly with the bowling of England's aspiring Test players, in the rear corridors of the pavilion Raymond Illingworth was wrestling with the twin imposters of democracy and diplomacy.

Illingworth, chairman of selectors and newly promoted governor of all things international, is never shy of addressing the media and seldom unforthcoming. But yesterday he became a politician for a day. To précis his pronouncements, an England captain may be named on Thursday, but then again may not; two specialist coaches are to be employed by England for the summer, but cannot yet be identified; and four members of the England A team are *thought ready for Test cricket*, but must remain anonymous.

This was not the Illingworth we know. Quite the most curious of his remarks was that the ambiguity over the captaincy may be extended beyond this week. "We may just decide on a date for the appointment," he said. As agreement on an extension for Michael Atherton could presumably be obtained by three nods over a gin and tonic, this seemed to infer a deliberate degree of doubt or dissent.

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Maybe the chairman is simply paying homage to the principles of committee. Maybe the subject of the captaincy really had not cropped up over the selectorial lunch. Maybe he is enjoying making Atherton fret. Just possibly, he is seriously considering a switch to Alec Stewart. Yesterday, he did at least concede that it was "probably" between the two.

Whatever transpires over the on-field leadership, Illingworth knows who he plans to have helping him out at practice sessions this summer. A batting coach and a seam bowling coach will be unveiled next week. Geoffrey Boycott is, in one sense, a natural for the first job, if his financial demands can be met and if he agrees to abide by Illingworth's rules. The second post may be filled either by Peter Lever or John Snow.

There will be no extra coach appointed for the spin bowlers, but this should not suggest a neglected art. Far from it. All three selectors were slow bowlers and Illingworth *said* yesterday that he wants to see spin *encouraged this summer*. "Pitches are the key and I have had a word about what we would like. We want to see the ball turning by the end of the third day. If we end up playing four quicks all the time it will be bad for the game."

With Philip Tufnell's tour report likely to have set him back a few selectorial rungs, Richard Stemp will be the first slow bowler whom Illingworth seeks to encourage this summer, and he was given *every opportunity* to impress yesterday. Stemp had bowled 22 overs, and taken three wickets, before the other successful left-armer on the A-team tour, Min Patel, was thrown the ball to take the final wicket as Warwickshire were dismissed for 240.

Stemp, bowling slowly and with beguiling rhythm and loop, first had to overcome a severe case of frozen fingers on a day when the start was delayed for 90 minutes by a hailstorm. The theory of this *fixture is fine; in practice,* judging prospects of teams or individuals in mid-April is unfair and often misleading.

It did not help that the pitch, relaid two years ago, offered uneven pace and bounce. Nor did the occasion profit from the City end of the ground being a building site, while the new stand is completed. All in all it was not a great way to celebrate Warwickshire's extraordinary season, and their batting reflected the mood.

Moles timed the ball well and *Neil Smith struck out* lustily as the last two wickets added 77 in 14 overs. Between times a side missing Knight and Munton, the latter for at least a month, were decidedly not in mid-season form and Chapple and Cork joined Stemp in pressing their credentials to the men behind the committee-room window.

WARWICKSHIRE: First innings
A J Moles c Nixon b Stemp 67
R G Twose c Ramprakash b Cork 29
T L Penney c Wells b Stemp 14
D P Ostler c Gallian b Chapple 28
G Welch c Ramprakash b Chapple 0
*D A Reeve c Nixon b Chapple 0
†K J Piper lbw b Stemp 6
D R Brown b Cork 9
N M K Smith not out 55
G C Small c Patel b Cork 10
A A Donald lbw b Patel 16
Extras (lb 6) 6
Total (75.4 overs) 240

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-68, 2-101, 3-116, 4-123, 5-131, 6-142, 7-153, 8-163, 9-197.

BOWLING: Ilott 14-4-58-0; Chapple 17-6-35-3; Cork 18-2-58-3; Stemp 24-7-65-3; Patel 2.4-0-10-1.

ENGLAND A: First Innings
J E R Gallian not out 2
M P Vaughan not out 0
Extras (lb 2, nb 2) 4
Total (no wkt, 5 overs) 6

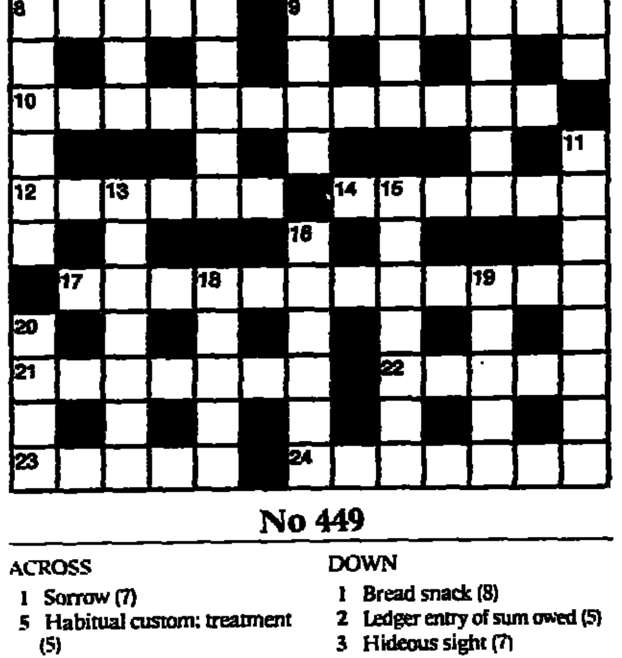
M R Ramprakash, *A P Wells, D L Hemp, D G Cork, †P A Nixon, G Chapple, M C Ilott, M M Patel and R D Stemp to bat.

BOWLING: Donald 3-1-3-0; Small 2-1-1-0.

Umpires: D J Constant and J W Holder.

A hailstorm at Edgbaston delays the start of the early-season meeting between England A and the county champions

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



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1 Sorrow (7)
5 Habitual custom; treatment (5)
8 Illustrious, magnificent (5)
9 Recover ground (5,2)
10 How the welcome are received (4,4,4)
12 Stout stick; beat (one's brains) (6)
14 Temper, indignation (got up by the angry) (6)
17 Farewell to the unmissed (4,8)
21 N African port and capital (7)
22 Our planet: fox's home (5)
23 Sum (5)
24 Party-giver (7)

DOWN
1 Bread snack (8)
2 Ledger entry of sum owed (5)
3 Hideous sight (7)
4 Plant shoot; fool (6)
5 WW2 decryption; an extremist (5)
6 Guilty and remorseful (7)
7 Large (eg trade) exhibition (4)
11 Trousers (fastened below knee) (8)
13 Shortage of rain (7)
15 Apply oneself to (7)
16 Tawdry, sentimental art (6)
18 Live; linger (5)
19 Body fibre; effrontery (5)
20 Enormous (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 448

ACROSS: 1 Stifle 4 Scarab 8 Ice-caps 10 Passé 11 Heat 12 Artistry 14 Argonauts 18 Infernal 20 Ache 22 Fence 23 Murders 24 Loiter 25 Nausea

DOWN: 1 Slight 2 Ikebana 3 Lead 5 Captious 6 Resit 7 Bye-bye 9 Strong-arm 13 Aggrieve 15 Success 16 Sinful 17 Persia 19 Fungi 21 Area

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Montana passes into legend

Ben Macintyre on the low-key announcement of a high-profile sportsman's plans to retire

The United States prepared to bid farewell to yet another sporting icon yesterday as Joe Montana, perhaps the greatest quarterback in the *history* of American football, announced his long-anticipated retirement. It was an unlikely leave-taking, given the recent history of American sport: Montana was not going to prison, like Mike Tyson; he was not standing trial for double murder, like O.J. Simpson; he was not even taking up baseball preparatory to a comeback, like *Michael Jordan.*

Joe "The Throw" Montana was simply bowing out at 38, adding a squeaky clean exit to a stunning career after 16 seasons in the National Football League. His wife, Jennifer, did not want him to get pummelled any more, it seems, and he wanted to spend more time with his four children: a simple, even mundane reason, which sounds strange in the present climate of sporting controversy.

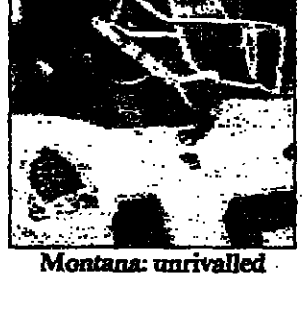
Montana was a remarkable sportsman in the age of celebrity for other reasons: he seldom played a forgettable game, and seldom uttered a memorable word. On the field, Montana was a demon, but off it he was monosyllabic and largely without ego or charisma, a fact that only further endeared this hardscrabble son of the Pennsylvania coalfields to his blue-collar fans.

"Joe Cool" did not like talking about football, but he loved to play it. He was not the largest quarterback in the game, nor the fastest, nor the strongest, but he was — to use a colloquialism he might himself employ — the winningest, with a talent for the comeback that was unrivalled.

He never lost a Super Bowl, and was the prime mover in winning four, first and most memorably against Dallas in 1981 when, off balance, he threw a six-yard touchdown pass to Dwight Clark in the closing seconds of the game — a moment hallowed in football history as "The Catch". In three of the four Super Bowls he was the Most Valuable Player.

Montana played 13 seasons with the San Francisco 49ers until his back gave out in 1986, followed by a broken wrist, injured elbow and frayed hamstring. In 1993, determined to continue playing despite missing most of the 1991 and 1992 seasons because of his injuries, he signed a three-year, $10 million contract with the Kansas City Chiefs.

In his first year for his new team, Montana almost threw the Chiefs into the Super Bowl, and twice made it to the play-offs, but he was plainly feeling his age and injuries. He took longer to get to his feet each time he went down.

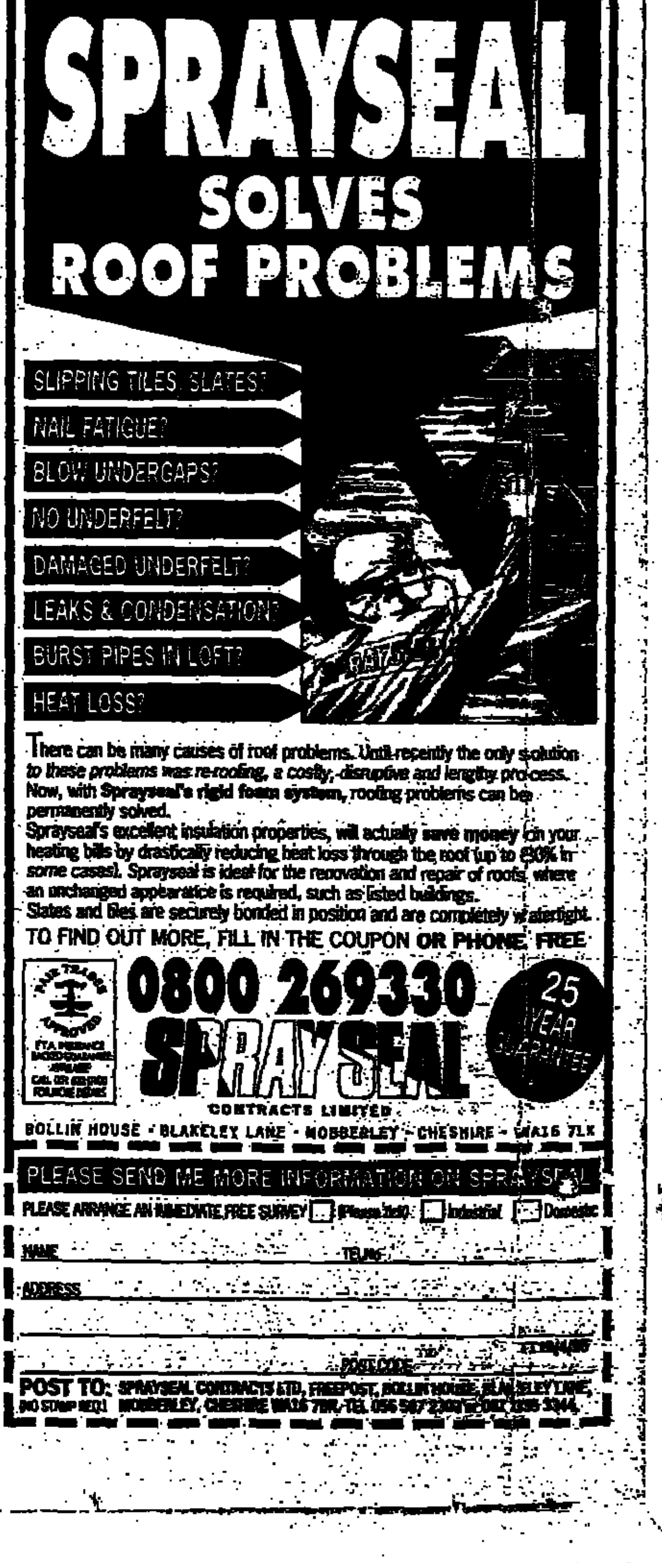


Montana: unrivalled

Some sources insisted that the Chiefs' gruelling schedule, with weight training starting at 6am, had become too much for Montana's ageing bones; others said that he was disappointed with his performances, despite completing 299 of 493 passes for 3,283 yards in his final season. Montana, as usual, said practically nothing. He touched a chord with followers precisely because he did not parlay his sporting ability into the sort of media personality that modern sportsmen are expected to be.

Enormously agile and quite fearless, Montana had an uncanny abilty to spot an opening and revive his team's fortunes when they were flagging. Yet despite the vast fortune he amassed, he remains a classic, uncomplicated all-American boy.

As Montana headed for the Football Hall of Fame yesterday, American sports commentators, deprived of scandal to grease the story, for once seemed stumped for words. Perhaps the best valediction came from a former coach, Paul Hackett, who simply noted the single, most obvious fact about Joe Montana, as he would himself: "The guy won games."



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